

The Lion 1956

Remember me
Remember &
Put them together
and remember me

A friend always!

Mary Tracy
"58..

Dear Agnes,
Always strive
for the better
things in life.

Johnson

Dear Jewetta,
continue to make
A in school and
make you will be
the smartest in your
class. Study hard
Jewetta.
Your sister
Anna.

Your sister
"Agnes".
"58"

U. pub.
"Antea"
54.

A

May success be yours always.

May success
be yours always.
"50"

Good Luck

I wished that I could
write your name
in gold, but ink is
all you can well
have!

"A friend"
Addie
"58"

Best Wishes
"Agnes"
a friend
"Jackie"

Johnny

You are one of the sweetest
girls I know I hope you will
always stay that way.

a friend
Dessie C.

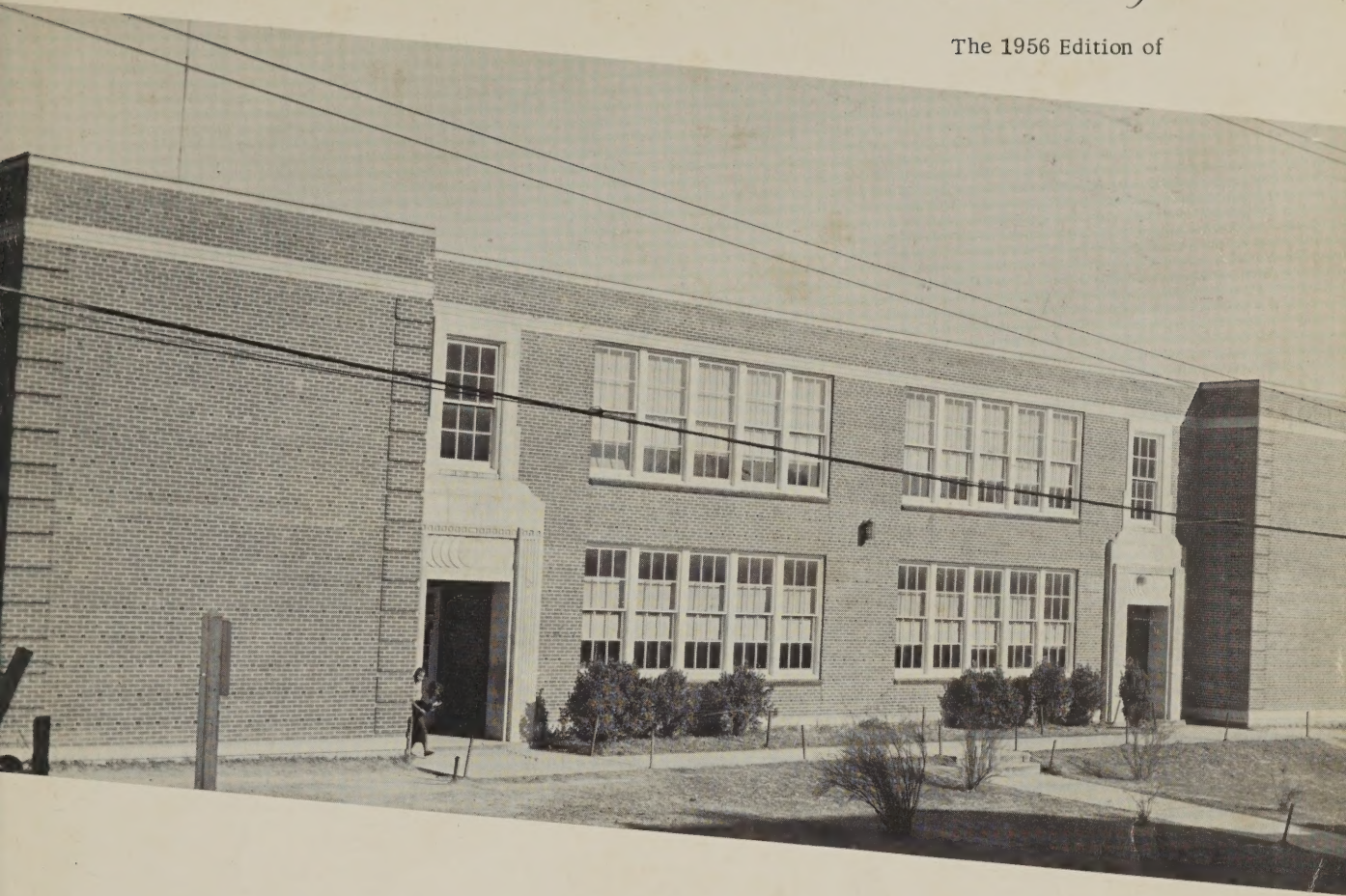
Best Wishes
to you.
a friend
"Pat"

Learn little maidens before
you grow old that a good
education is better than
gold. Gold and Silver will
fade away but a good education
will never decay.

a friend
"Emma"

Presenting —

The 1956 Edition of

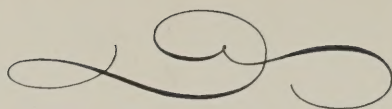


The

Lion

JOHN M. LANGSTON HIGH SCHOOL

Danville, Virginia

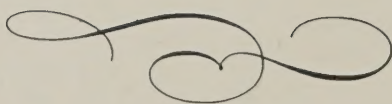


Foreword

We, the Lion Staff, are indeed happy to bring to you the '56 annual.

With our school year swiftly coming to a close, we pause to catch a final glimpse of the happiness and friends we've had here at Langston. Many things have happened this year that we shall never forget. We find ourselves holding closely to our hearts the fond memories of the past years at Langston High. The 1956 Lion is yours. You made it; we preserved it through word and picture.

THE LION STAFF



To one who has labored with boys and girls in the classroom, in drama, in music, in school and community projects - Mrs. Lelia Winslow Lowe White - we dedicate this 1956 Lion.

This is a small token indeed to one who has given so much, but may it serve as a symbol of the warm relationship shared by members of this class toward the dean of Langston High School Teachers.



Dedication



Dear Seniors:

For the past five years at Langston, you have attempted to acquire an intelligent direction through experiences which tend to make you a competent participant in our ever changing and complex society. In this endeavor, success has been of varying quantities and degrees, depending upon the beliefs, interests, and future outlook of each senior.

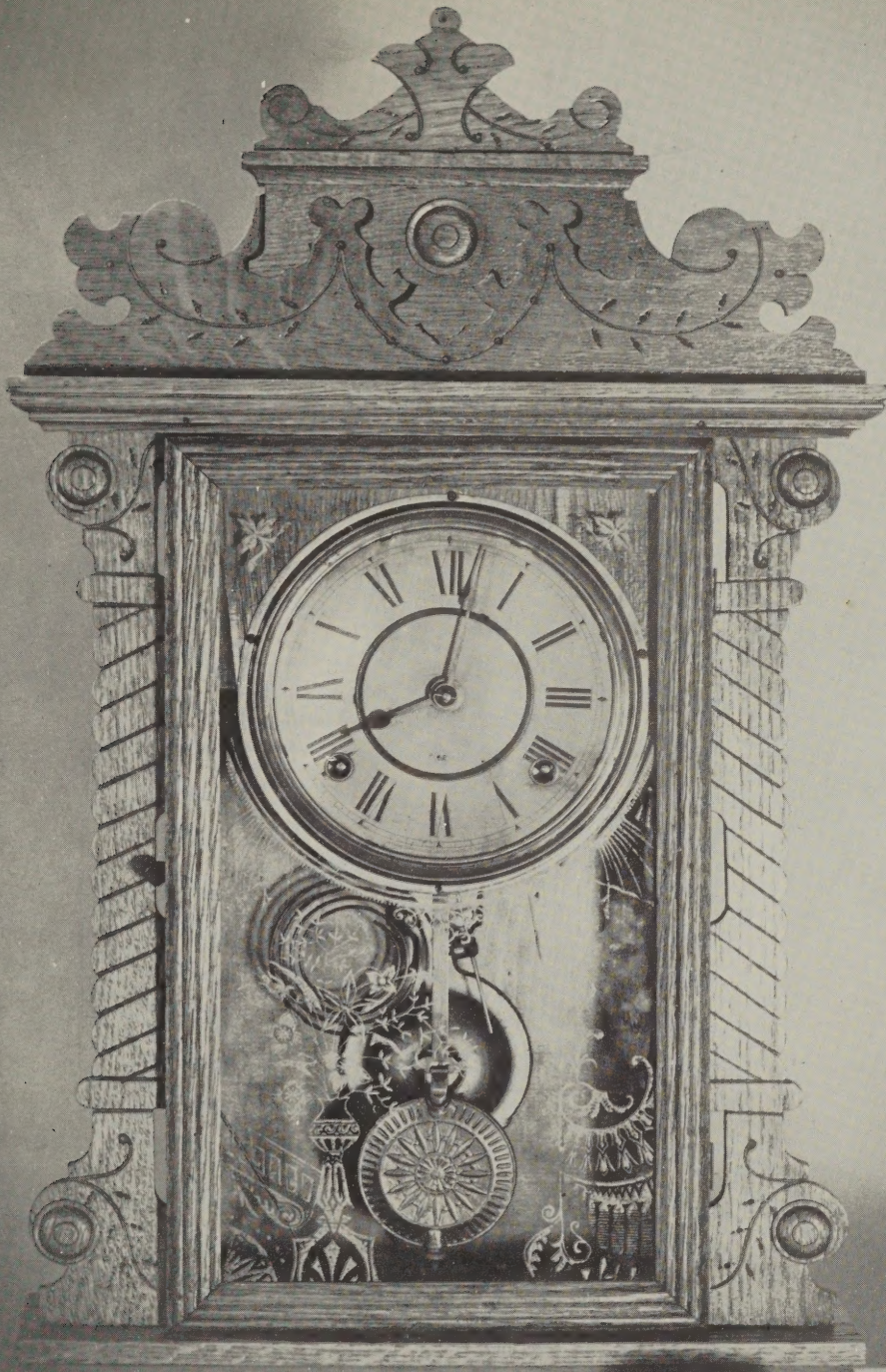
Now that the time has come for parting, we are sad; yet we smile. We are sad because we'll miss you and smile because we hope that your experiences here will cause others to smile on you. So let us use the knowledge gained here, with faith and perseverance, to become the leaders necessary for the preservation and improvement of our society.

Keep in mind that your actions are like the index of a book; they point out what is most remarkable in you.

Best wishes to each of you,

John H. Byrd, Jr.

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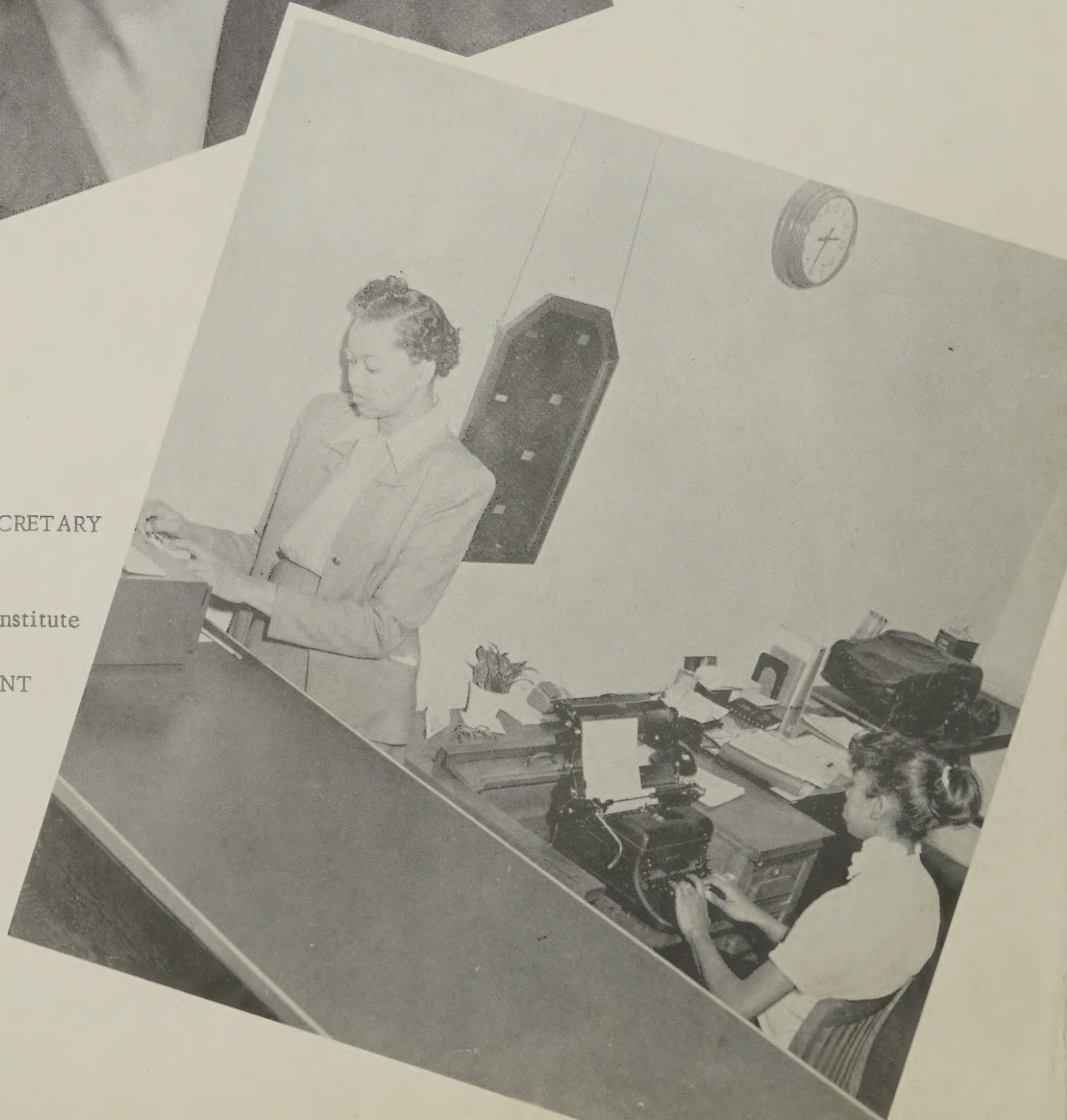


FACULTY



OUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Vera B. Murphy
Guidance
Dramatics
Language Arts
A.B., North Carolina
College
M.A., Columbia University



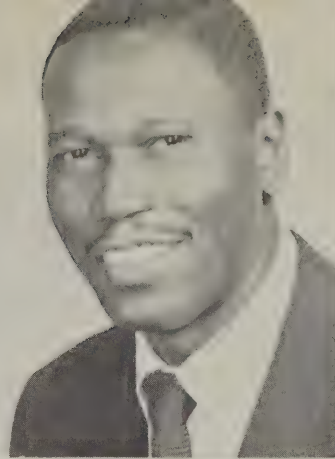
OUR SCHOOL SECRETARY

Ruth F. Allen
B.S., Hampton Institute

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Sue Hughes
Class of '56

HOWARD W. ALLEN
Basketball Coach
Physical Education
B.S., Hampton Institute
M.A., New York University



MILDRED G. ALLEN
Natural Science
B.S., A & T College
M.A., New York University

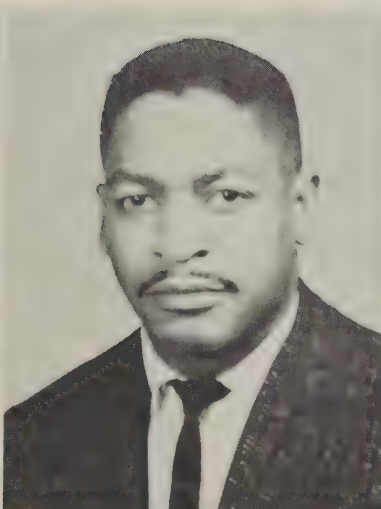
CLARA M. CHANEY
Home Economics
B.S., West Virginia State



CARRIE H. COLEMAN
English
B.S., Wilberforce University



DOROTHY L. DAVIS
Commercial
B.S., Tennessee A & I



MORTON L. EDWARDS
History
A.B., Morris Brown College

*It has been a pleasure
working with you. Much
sincerely
M. L. Edwards*



FRANKLYN O. GUNN
Music
B.S., Virginia State



WILBERT P. HARRIS
Industrial Arts
B.S., Virginia State

ELLA D. IVY
Mathematics
Guidance
A.B., Fisk University

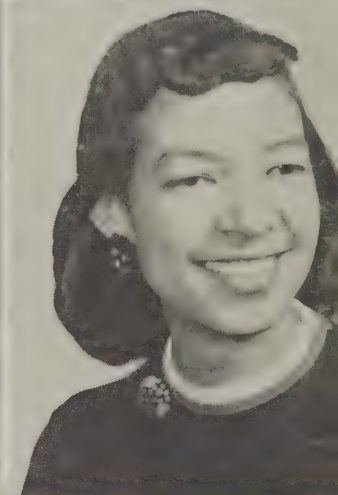
IVA O. JONES
Mathematics
B.S., Hampton Institute



*You are a
Very sweet girl. Keep on
being that way.
L.C. Jones*

MARTHA G. KING
Science
B.S., Morgan State College

RUTH M. LANGHORNE
Home Economics
B.S., West Virginia State
M.S., New York University



ENESHEL R. LOGAN
Library, Science
A.B., Shaw University
B.L.S., North Carolina State

THEDORE MANLY
Football Coach
Science
B.S., Hampton Institute

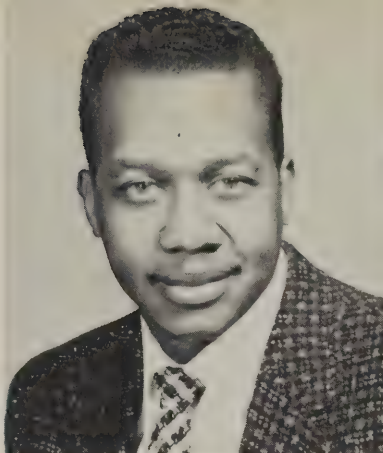


*I understand
you are a very
sweet girl. I hope
you'll remain
that way.*

HORTENSE MARTIN
Commercial Education
B.S., North Carolina State

VIRGINIA E. McDANIEL
English
A.B., Virginia Union University

ROBERT B. McDOWELL
Natural Science
B.S., Elizabeth City State
Teachers' College



JACQUELINE MOFFITT
Physical Education
B.S., A & T College

Janette, I have enjoyed this working with you. Keep that wonderful lady-like personality and success with it.

CEOLA MORTON
English, French
A.B., Virginia State



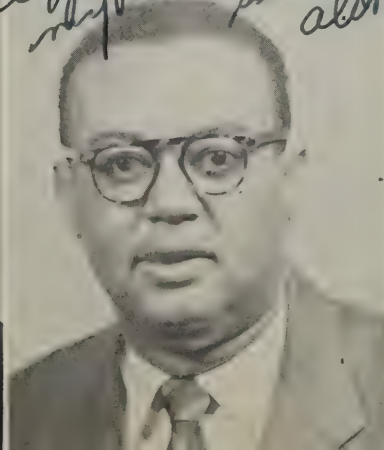
WESLEY H. MOTLEY
Industrial Arts
B.S., A & T College



AVICIA HOOPER THORPE
English
B.S., Bluefield State
Teachers' College

LOLA L. THORNTON
Mathematics
B.S., Virginia Union University

I have enjoyed having you in my homeroom. Keep your sweet personality and speed up. (smile) L.L. Thornton



L. W. LOWE WHITE
Social Science
B.S., Virginia State
A.B., West Virginia

N. K. WRIGHT
Social Science
B.S., A & T College

"By Their Words Ye Shall Know Them"

Allen, M., Miss
Allen, H., Mr.

Chaney, C., Mrs.
Coleman, C., Mrs.
Davis, D., Miss

Edwards, M., Mr.
Gunn, F., Miss
Harris, W., Mr.

Ivy, E., Miss
Jones, I., Miss
King, M., Mrs.

Langhorne, R., Miss
Logan, E., Mrs.
Manly, T., Mr.
McDaniel, V., Miss
McDowell, R., Mr.

Moffitt, J., Miss
Morton, C., Miss

Motley, W., Mr.

Murphy, V., Mrs.
Thorton, L., Miss

Thorpe, A., Mrs.
White, L., Mrs.
Wright, N., Mr.

You can't get along in this world unless you can think for yourself.

Do the usual thing in the usual way; sufficiently aggressive to be impressive, but not aggressive to be obnoxious.

Take time and do your work so that you will not make any mistakes.

How do you expect to pass if you don't do any work? You are going to flunk.

Remove all covers please, and make all necessary machine adjustments.

Some people don't know the difference between remove covers and converse.

Knock it off. Call it anything.

Patricia, Please!

There is a time and a place for everything. Read the third chapter in Ecclesiastes.

I'm from Missouri - Show me.

What is the matter? Got the gigalitis or something?

Let us have some air, please! Thirty people can't stay in one room without air.

There goes another needle, and look who broke it, a senior.

Now if you people have to talk in the Library, you may be excused.

O.K. fellows, let's go.

Rome wasn't built in a day.

Son, you are getting to be an international problem, and I'm gonna give you the Academy Award - - - F.

Girls, all I want you to be is young ladies.

Oh, if you would only speak as I wanted you to, you would be great men and women; your speech tells people who you are.

I'll be glad when you are gone Tommy Saunders. It was Barksdale last year, Lawson a few years ago, and now it's you. Good riddance!

Now boys and girls, let's be young men and young ladies.

O, if God the gift would "give" us,

To see ourselves as "others" see us.

"When the tardy bell sounds," Talking ceases.

Bear in mind from time to time - Everything counts.

Don't play with me. I'll flunk you in a minute.





SENIORS



JAMES LOVELACE ALLEN
 Practical
 Student Council; Dramatics, Hi-Y; Football
 Trainer; Sports Editor.
 Social Worker

*James Allen
 He is a very
 good person
 who is very
 helpful and
 kind.*



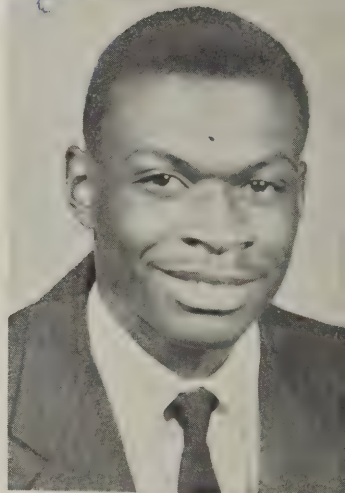
MAMIE ELIZABETH ANDERSON
 Business
 Dramatics; Y-Teens; Honor Society; NHA; FBLA;
 Modern Scholar; Social Studies.
 Stenographer



*She is a very
 good person
 who is very
 helpful and
 kind.*

MATTIE BEATRICE BANKS
 Practical
 NHA; Dramatics; Y-Teens; Ushers' Club.
 Obstetrician

ERNEST BASS, JR.
 General
 Health Council.
 Air Force



CLYDE EDWARD BENSON
 Practical
 Football Team, Modern Scholars.
 Mechanic

BARBARA ANN BETHEL
 Practical
 Dramatic Club.
 Seamstress

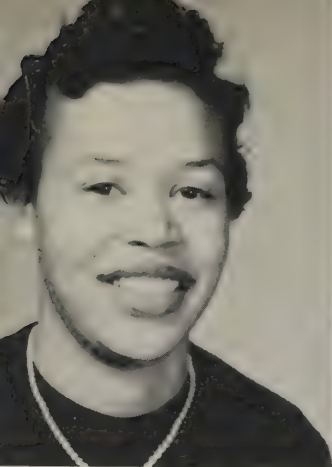
*Barbara
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 good person
 who is very
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 kind.*



DELORES EVELYN BETTS
 Academic
 Library Club; Dramatics; NHA; Honor Society;
 Social Studies; Langstonian; Y-Teens.
 Defense Attorney

OLLIE PEARL BRANDON
 Business
 NHA; FBLA; Dramatics; Y-Teens; Social Studies.
 Stenographer



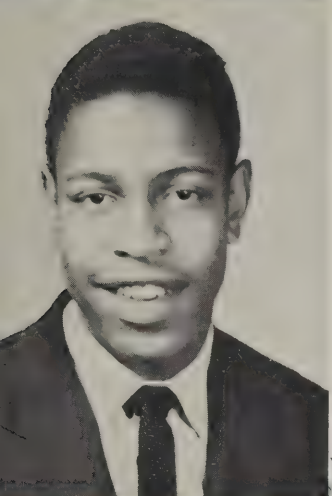


ANN BREWTON
General
Dramatic Club.
Secretary

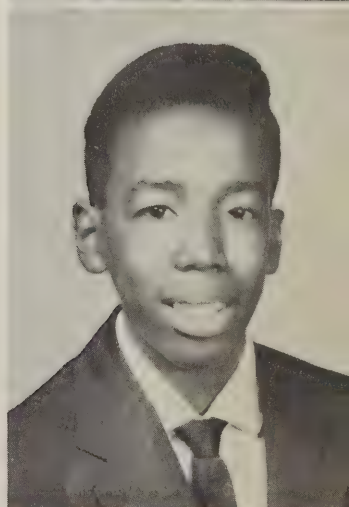
*Best wishes
Janice*



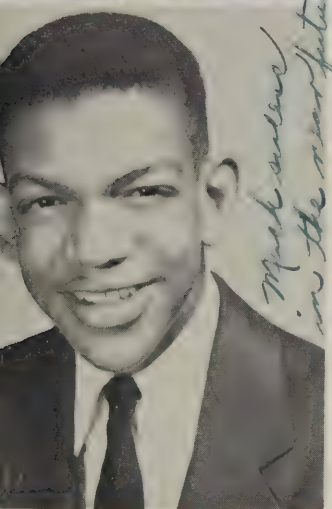
JACQUELYN FAYE BROWN
Academic
Dramatics; Academic Club; NHA; Y-Teens;
Langstonian.
Social Worker



JOHN THOMAS BROWN
Business
Hi-Y
Banker

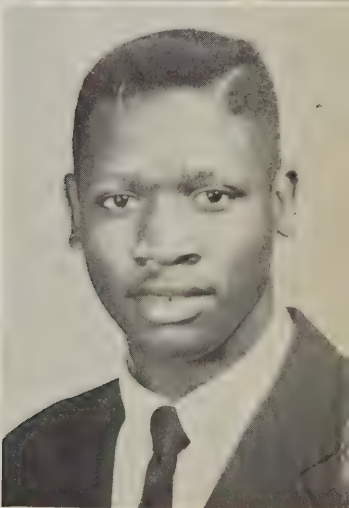


WILLIE LEWIS BROWN
Academic
Social Studies Club.
Barber

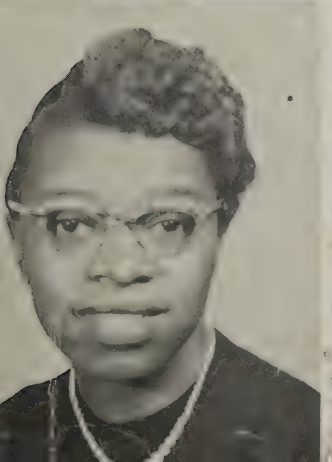


*Marked in the newspaper
for Burton*

JOE LOUIS BURTON
Business
Typist



JOHN WILLIS COLES
Practical
Football; Choir; Hi-Y.
U.S. Air Force



*With her eyes on
becoming a dr.
Nancy
1952*

NANCY LEE CRAWLEY
Academic
Dramatics; Academic Club; NHA; Ushers' Club;
Y-Teens; Language Club.
Pediatrician



*Best Wishes
"Virginia"*

VIRGINIA ORVIS CUNNINGHAM
Practical
Choir; Dramatics; Student Council.
Registered Nurse



MILLERSON NAOMI DALLAS

General
Dramatic Club.
Model



BARBARA ANN DAVIS

Business
NHA; FBLA: Honor Society, Y-Teens; Dramatics.
Accountant

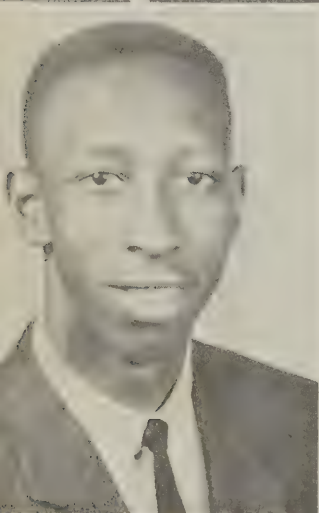


CLYDE FRANKLIN DAVIS

Business
Business Administrator

SYLVIA DAVIS

Practical
Dramatic Club.
Nurse



JOHN ALEXANDER DIXON

Practical
Hi-Y.
Coach

ETHELYN BETTINA EASON

General
Dramatics; NHA: Choir; Y-Teens, Ushers' Club.
X-Ray Technician



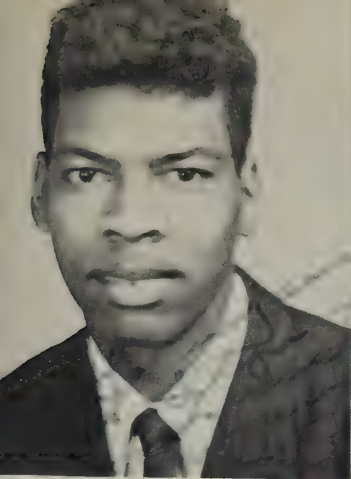
PRESTON CLYDE ECHOLS

Practical
Hi-Y; Choir; Varsity Club; Basketball.
Business Man

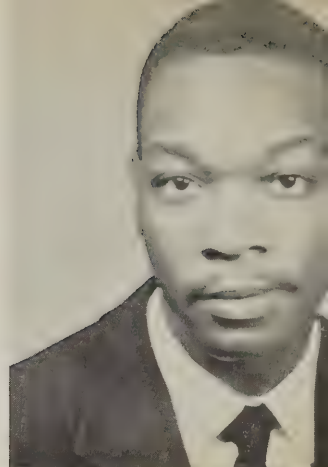
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Practical
Dramatics; Choir; Social Studies.
Physician

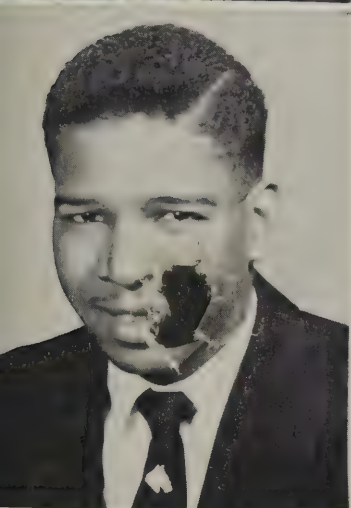




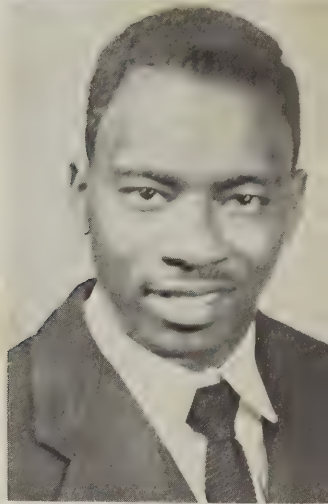
RAYMOND GLYPH
Business
F.B.L.A., Library Club.
Bookkeeper



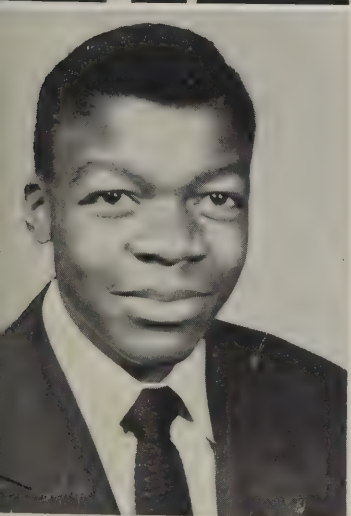
JASPER GRIFFITH
Practical
Veterans' Club.
Coach



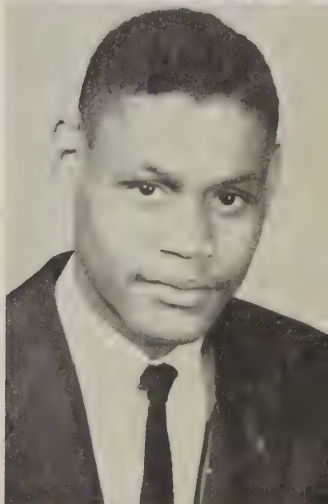
BENNIE HALL
General
Football, Basketball, Track.
Pilot



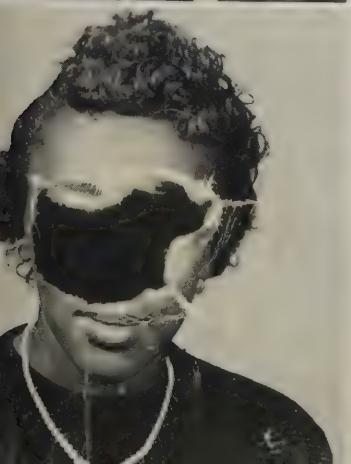
ALEXANDER HARGRAVES
Business
Dramatics; Ushers' Club; FBLA; Langstonian.
Teacher



EUGENE HARRIS
Academic
Basketball; Football; Choir; Varsity Club.
Private Detective



JAMES HARRIS
Business
Basketball.
Coach



VIVIAN LORETTA HARRIS
Practical
Dramatics
Seamstress

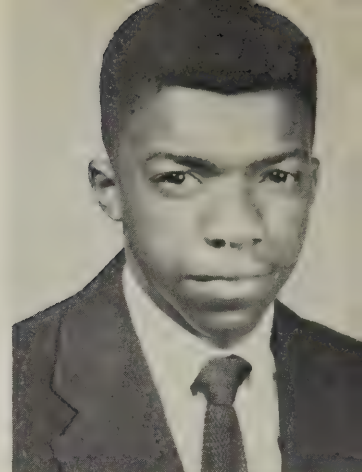


JETTIE MAE HENDERSON
Practical
N.H.A.; Dramatic Club.
Dietician



*Music
Dramatic Club
Mechanic*

WILLIAM HOLLOWAY
Practical
Choir, Dramatic Club.
Mechanic

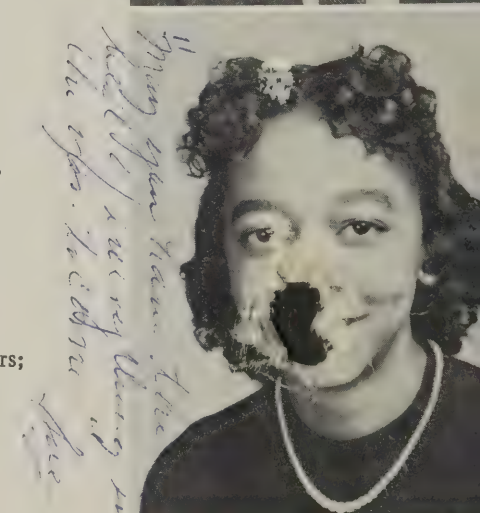


JAMES EDWARD HUBBARD
Business
Dramatic Club; FBIA.
Business Manager



DOROTHY MAE HUGHES
Practical
Y-Teens; Dramatics; NHA; Health Council.
Dress Designer

REBECCA SUE HUGHES
Academic
Dramatics; Student Council; NHA; Choir; Y-
Teens; Social Studies; Patrol; Modern Scholars;
Honor Society.
Teacher (Spanish and English)

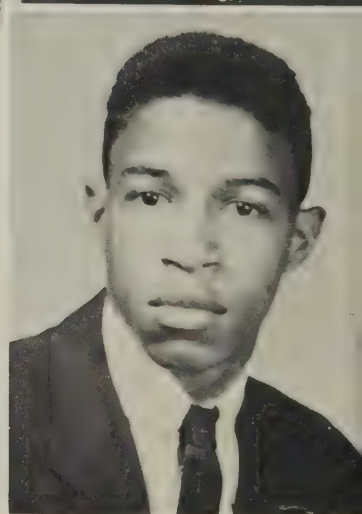


*My own name. The
middle name is being
the other. I added it
here*



VELMA INGRAM
Practical
NHA; Dramatics; Choir; YWCA
Obstetrician

ARTHUR THOMAS JACOBS
Practical
Choir; Hi-Y.
Technical Engineer

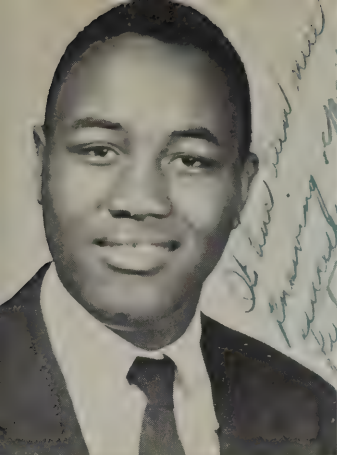


MARJORIE HENTON JAMES
Academic
Patrol; Dramatics; NHA; Choir.
Registered Nurse

ELIJAH ARTHUR JEFFRESS
Academic
Academic Club; Library; and Language Arts Club.
Electrical Engineer



*My own name. The
middle name is being
the other. I added it
here*



*It was real nice
knowing you! In
future, always.
- Jeffries*

THOMAS EDWARD JEFFRIES
Academic
Choir; Library; Language Arts; Social Studies
Club; Honor Society; Langstonian Staff.
Architectural Engineer

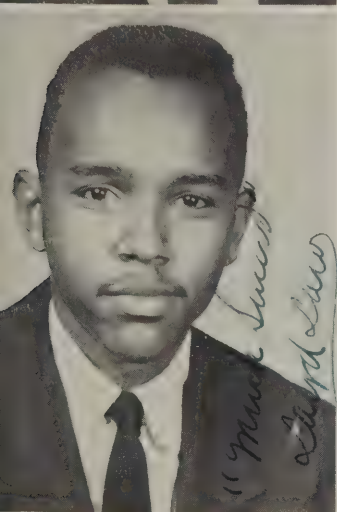
MARY LEE JENKINS
Practical
Choir; NHA; Dramatics; Y-Teens; Social Studies.
Registered Nurse

*Study hard and
be sweet,
Jeffries*



ANDREW JOHNSON
Practical
Photography Club; Football.
Business Man

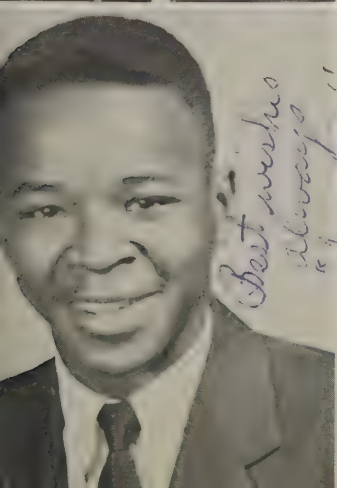
MARY IRIS JOHNSON
Business
Patrol; Choir; FBLA; NHA; Dramatics
Business Administrator



*"Much Success
Lloyd Law"
- C. C.*

LLOYD EDWARD LAW
Practical
Commercial Artist

EDWARD LEA
Practical
Basketball
Chemist



*Best wishes
always
- Tommie*

TOMMIE LEE
Business
FBLA; Hi-Y; Dramatics
Business Administrator

JOHN ESTHER LEFTRIDGE
Practical
Choir; Band.
Professional Tap Dancer

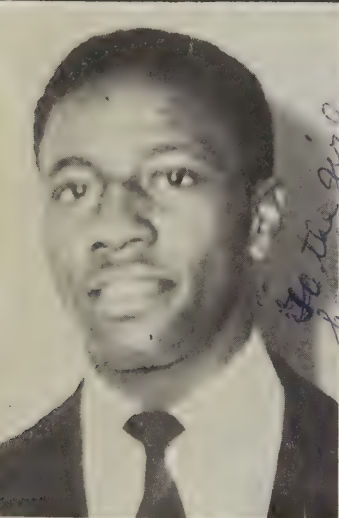




BARBARA ANN LEWIS
Business
FBLA; Dramatics; Library; Choir
Stenographer



LORRAINE LYNN
Practical
Ushers' Club; NHA
Seamstress



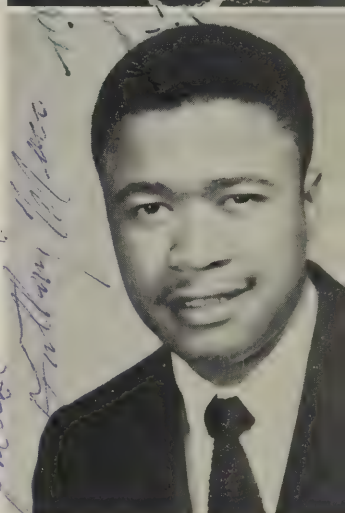
ROBERT MALLOY
General
Football; Basketball.
Obstetrician



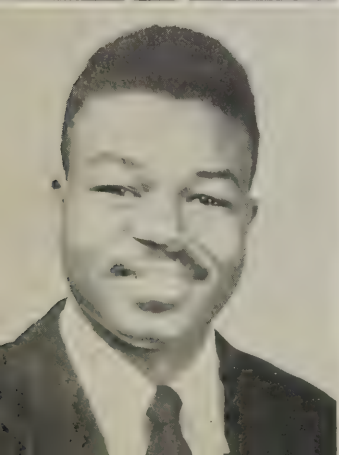
MARY LILLIE McDANIEL
Academic
NHA; Y-Teens; Choir; Dramatics; Honor Society;
Patrol; Modern Scholar; Social Studies.
Pediatrician



MARY MIMMS
General
Nurse



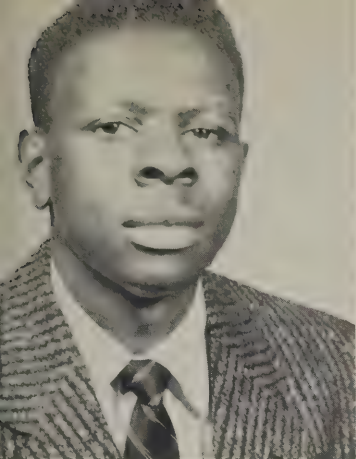
ANTHONY MOSS, JR.
Practical
Choir
Brickmason



CHARLES NELSON
General
Choir; Social Studies Club
Musician



ELLA ANN OLIVER
General
NHA; Choir; Dramatics; Language Arts.
Registered Nurse



LEVI PACE
Business
Patrol; Dramatics; Honor Society; FBLA; Choir;
Social Studies.
Certified Public Accountant



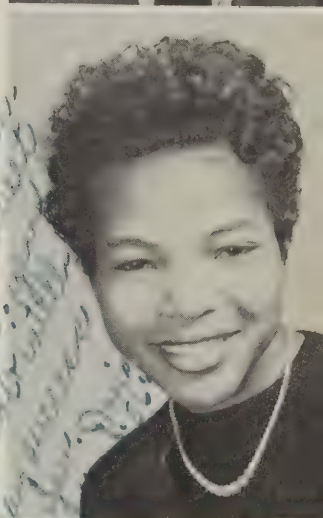
JAMES PINCHBACK
Practical
Dramatics; Band.
Contractor



DORETHA POUNDS
General
Beautician

DORIS PRICE
Practical
Choir; Ushers' Club.
Wac

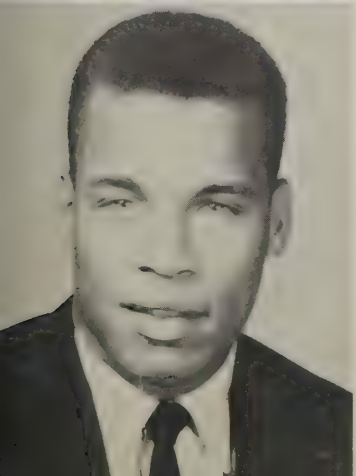
Handwritten note:
Doris Price
I hope you will
be a success in
your career.
I will be proud
to be your friend.
Doris Price



Handwritten note:
Much success
with your future
school days.
Joe Louis

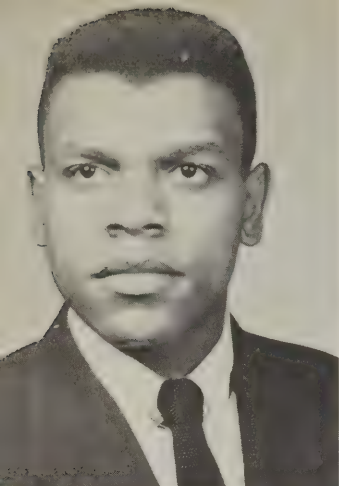
JOE LOUIS PRITCHETT
Academic
Patrol; Choir; Ushers' Club; Social Studies; Aca-
demic Club; Honor Society.
Mechanical Engineer

ODARIS ROBINSON
General
Ushers' Club; NHA.
Air Force



TOMMY LOUIS SAUNDERS, JR.
Practical
Track; Choir.
Industrial Arts Instructor

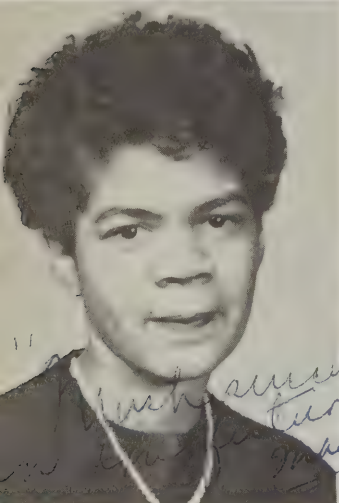
NANCY LEE SCALES
Business
Dramatics; FBLA.
Stenographer



BILLY GENE SMITH
General
Patrol; Hi-Y.
Barber



DELORES COSTELLO SMITH
Business
FBLA; NHA; Social Studies.
Stenographer



MAE ALICE SMITH
Practical
Professional Dancer

MATTIE STAMPS
Business
Choir; Ushers' Club.
Secretary



JEAN STOKES
Practical
Dramatics; Social Studies.
Professional Model

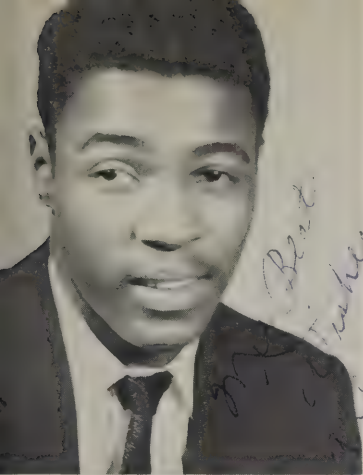
SHIRLEY ANN SWANSON
Practical
Library Club
Seamstress



TINSEY HELEN TANNER
Practical
Choir; Health Council.
Private Secretary

ODARIS TANNER
Academic
Choir; Ushers' Club.
Professional Singer

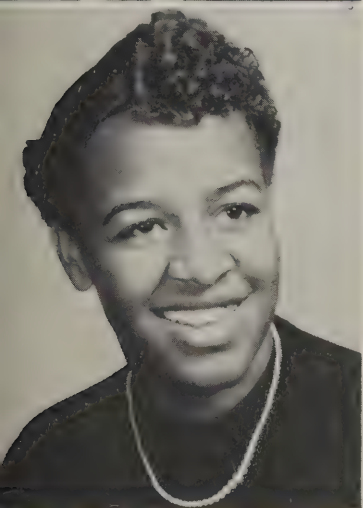




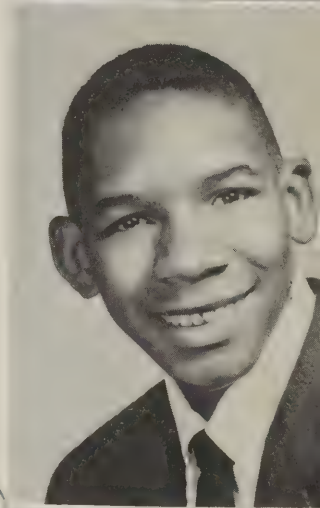
EDWARD THOMPSON
Practical
Professional Basketball Player



SYLVIA ANN THOMPSON
Practical
Patrol; Choir; Ushers' Club; Langstonian.
Primary Teacher



ETHA LA NIEL VINCENT
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Council.

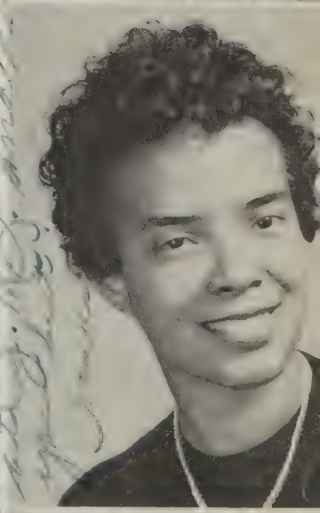


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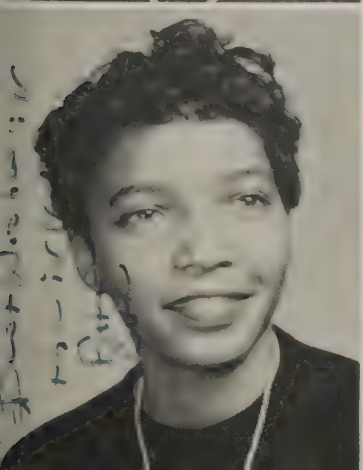
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Basketball
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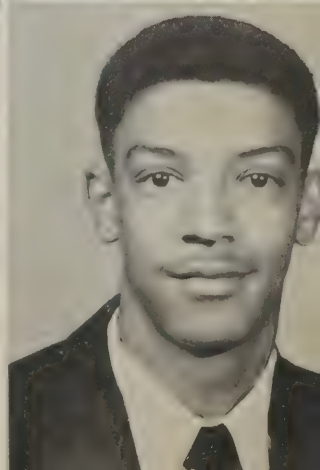
MARIA ELIZABETH WATSON
Business
Y-Teens; NHA; Social Studies; Modern Scholars;
Ushers' Club; FBLA; Dramatics.
Private Secretary



MYLIE FRANCES WILSON
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Student Council; Y-Teens; Social Studies; Lan-
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Architect



RUTH WILSON
Practical
Nurse



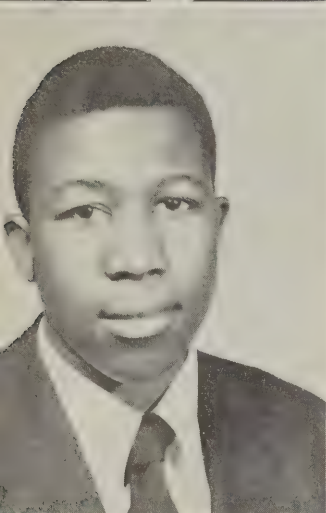
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General
Navy



CHARLENE ANITA WOODY
Academic
Dramatic Club; Choir; NHA; Social Studies;
Honor Society; Y-Teens; Modern Scholars.
Fashion Designer



LOUISE DORTHIA YOUNG
Practical
Dramatic Club; NHA.
Professional Model



FREDERICK RALPH HARRINGTON
Practical
Choir
Doctor

*Wishing you
the best of luck
in everything
you do.
"Laurie"*



SENIOR DAY

A&T College - Greensboro, North Carolina



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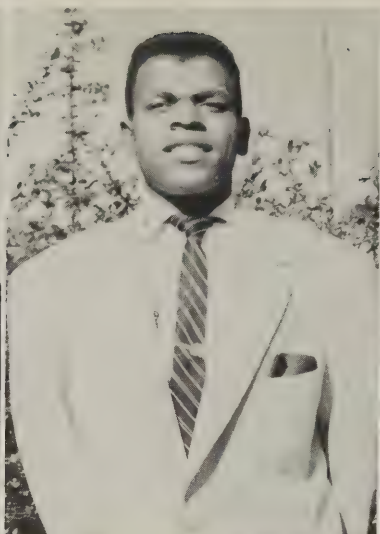


Best Dressed



MARIA WATSON

Most Popular



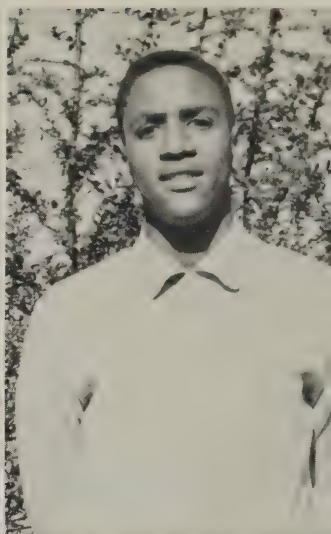
BILLY SMITH

Most Handsome



VIRGINIA CUNNINGHAM

JOHN DIXON



JAMES ALLEN

Most Musical

Best Dancers



CHARLIE NELSON - GLORIA JOHNSON

Most Likely to Succeed



JOHN LEFTRIDGE - VIVIAN HARRIS

Most Athletic



MARY McDANIEL



JAMES PINCHBACK



ETHA VINCENT



EDWARD THOMPSON

Class History

It is indeed difficult to record the history of our class, for all history is made up of sunshine and shadows, of pathos and honor. However, as have been the customs from time to time in memorial for the advancement of man to be recorded in history, the "Class of '56," also feels that it too must have a record.

In September, 1952, our "Rocket Ship" blasted off with a crew of ninety-two enthusiastic boys and girls. The first stops of our voyage were unknown, but as we cruised along some decided to take part in the various curriculum groups, such as Academic, General, Commercial, and Practical. This is when the ship really began to move out.

As the air began to simmer down, music could be heard. By this we knew we were approaching "Planet Music." As our ship landed, who stepped out but Anita Woody, Levi Pace, Mary McDaniel, Howard Garrett, Sue Hughes, Joe Prichett, Ella Oliver, Arthur Jacobs, Mary Jenkins, Preston Echols, Margie James, William Holloway, Bettina Eason, Bennie Hall, Barbara Davis, Tommie Saunders, Thomas Jeffries, Etha Vincent, Eugene Harris, Virginia Cunningham, and Charles Nelson, under the direction of Miss Franklyn Gunn.

As the ship came back the following year, it brought new members and those looking for adventure again boarded the "Rocket Ship." This is when we decided to blast off for "Planet Drama." As we approached this new planet and landed, many of our crew stepped aboard. Here we saw Frances Wilson, MaryMcDaniel, Sue Hughes, Anita Woody, Mary Jenkins, and Jean Stokes in "My Little Margie." After a short rest period on this new planet we were again a witness of other dramatic scenes; here we saw Tommy Lee, Eugene Harris, Etha Vincent, Virginia Cunningham, Delores Betts, James Allen, Bennie Hall, Odaris Tanner, Thomas Jeffries, Elijah Jeffress, and Nancy Crawley.

After satisfying our curiosity, we blasted off for the last "Planet" before returning home, "Planet Sports," and here again some of us unboarded. We saw in Basketball, Eugene Harris, Preston Echols, James Harris, Willie Vincent, Bennie Hall, Robert Malloy, and Edward Thompson, as the captain. In football we saw, Eugene Harris and Robert Malloy, who incidentally was captain. Malloy felt that he needed a "Queen;" so he chose Virginia Cunningham for his "Homecoming Queen of '55," and her ladies in waiting were Frances Wilson and Ondra Wilson. In Track we saw, Bennie Hall and Tommie Saunders. Bennie Hall won outstanding awards in the V.I.A.L. State and District meet; he still holds the District record for the distance. James Allen also played a great part as our sport editor.

Wanting to know the highlights of what was happening at home, we blasted off for home "Planet Langston." About this time we were getting hungry and we needed food. Who came to our rescue but Jacqueline Brown, Delores Betts, Sue Hughes, Nancy Crawley, Mamie Anderson, Barbara Davis, Ollie Brandon, Maria Watson, Mary McDaniel, Mattie Banks, and Frances Wilson, all members of the "New Homemakers of America."

After being refreshed, it was the custom to play games. To do this we chose Etha Vincent as president of our Student Council with Howard Garrett and Virginia Cunningham as representatives.

As the crew drew nearer to the final steps of its destination, we chose James Allen, Class president and Bennie Hall, vice president. Levi Pace, Delores Betts, Joe Pritchett, Barbara Coleman, Mamie Anderson, Mary McDaniel, Barbara Davis, Anita Woody, and Sue Hughes were members of the National Honor Society.

Having taken on new co-pilots Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Marris, and Mr. McDowell, our pilot James Allen, landed the "Rocket Ship" on "Planet Langston."

Our history has had it's shares of sorrows, but who will say it has not been worthwhile? We have been made strong by friendships formed and each of us can say, "The future I may face with head raised high." As we go out to make history of the future, may each life be a fulfillment of our motto.

Committee:
Raymond Glymph
Bennie Hall
Willie Vincent



Class Poem

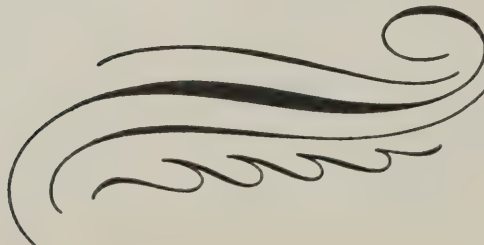
Nancy L. Crawley

With gratitude
We leave this school,
With aims to reach our goal.
A symbol of love and memory
We will proudly hold.

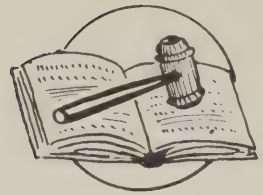
Along the paths to be trod,
With earnest hope and trust in God,
We leave - seeking for success
With willingness to do our best.

In all our learning and our fun,
With all the work we have done,
Our days at Langston have added a part
That will always remain within our hearts.

In later years when out in life,
We'll always think of Thee;
And we will carry in our hearts -
Respect and loyalty.



Class Will



State of Virginia
County of Pittsylvania
City of Danville
Date - June, 1956

We the class of 1956, being of sound bodies and the possessors of sound minds, as a result of our stay here at this school, do hereby bestow and bequeath the several endowments below.

We hereby nullify and make void all other wills and last testaments that those going before us found necessary to declare.

ARTICLE I. To our Principal we bequeath our most precious possessions, faith, hope and charity.

ARTICLE II. To our sponsors we bequeath our gratitude for sound and sincere counseling.

ARTICLE III. To our school we pledge our undying love, loyalty and devotion.

ARTICLE IV. To our teachers who have taken interest in us and have striven to guide us to the point that we have reached, we bequeath our gratefulness and hope that some day you'll understand how much we appreciate your kindness to us.

ARTICLE V. To the Junior Class we leave the hard earned fruits of our four years of labor here, our poise, our dignity and our open minds.

ARTICLE VI. To the Sophomore class we bequeath our determination to change all that should be changed, our ability to leave that which cannot be changed alone, and the prayer that God may grant them the wisdom to know the one from the other.

ARTICLE VII. To the Freshman class we bequeath the rights, privileges, and duties that one associates with your present status as high school students.

ARTICLE VIII. To the Pre-Freshman class we leave a wonderful faculty to love, cherish and obey.

ARTICLE IX. It has so pleased the persons authorized below, to dispose of their individual wills in the following manner. May those who receive, regard them as sincere gifts and use them to their utmost advantage.

Deloris Smith wills to Juanita Smith her ability to become a senior and to Sallie Bigelow her ability to get along with others.

Nancy Crawley bequeaths her hair style to Patricia Vann.

James Pinchback leaves all of his space he uses constantly in the shop to Peter White.

Mattie Banks is willing everything she has to Marie Davis.

Dorothy Hughes bestows upon Elsie McGhee her ability to make A's in math.

Virginia Cunningham passes on her ability to always smile and be happy to her brother, Clyburn.

Ann Brewton wills her hair style to Mozell Williamson.

Mary McDaniel passes down her ability to stay on the honor roll to her sister Ann McDaniel.
 Sue Hughes wills her ability to stay in the honor society to Katherine Wilson.
 Anita Woody chooses to leave her ability to make very good grades without studying and her ability to talk her way out of trouble to Clara Ferguson, John McClary and Douglass Banks.
 Marjorie James wills her ability to become a senior to Ronald James.
 Mae Alice Smith wills to her sister Wanda her ability to graduate.
 Vivian Harris is leaving her dancing ability to Elaine Wooden.
 Odaris Tanner chooses to leave her ability to come to school everyday and be on time to Shirley Pritchett.
 Etha Vincent leaves her place in the student exchange to anyone who wants it.
 Velma Ingram wills her ability to graduate to her sister Kathryn.
 Doretha Pounds passes on to Lena Wimbush the ability to reduce and look attractive.
 Sylvia Thompson wills to Alease Coleman and Frances Thomas any position she holds.
 Mattie Stamps bequeaths her pleasant grin to her sister Bobby Stamps.
 Barbara Lewis is leaving her job in the student exchange to Mary Weatherford.
 Jacquelyn Brown wishes to bestow her ability to be independent to Curtis Rhoulac.
 Maria Watson passes on to Queen Ingram her ability to wear a smile.
 Frances Wilson bequeaths the ability to become captain of the student patrol to Marie Giles.
 Mamie Anderson hands down to her brother, Charlie and nephew, James, her ability to graduate from high school.
 Nancy Scales leaves her seat in Gym to Edmonia Motley.
 James Hubbard bequeaths his ability to amuse the class and confuse Miss Davis to Charles Smith.
 Alexander Hargraves is willing his ability to become a senior to Flora Reddick.
 Tommie Saunders passes on his ability to eat much and gain little to George McClary.
 Eugene Harris wishes to bestow to Lewis Lea his athletic ability.
 Arthur Jacobs hands down his ability to sing high soprano or low bass in the choir to his brother, Walter.
 Ella Oliver leaves her dancing ability to Edith Glass.
 Mary Johnson wishes to bestow her "privileged" position as one of the girls who serve the visiting football and basketball teams to Alvarese Medley.
 Thomas Jeffries wills his place in the honor society to Margaret Mabin.
 Delores Betts bestows upon Velma Farmer her ability to eat as much as she pleases and still weigh 90 pounds.
 Elijah Jeffress hands to his sister, Elaine, the desire to make the honor roll.
 Anthony Moss passes on to Ambrose Lea his ability to be an excellent brick mason.
 Millerson Dallas leaves her typewriter in Miss Davis' room to anyone that accepts it.
 Mary Mimms wills to Robert Banks the ability to get his lesson and carry only one book.
 William Hollaway wills to James Gunn his ability to get along with Mrs. Thorpe.
 Mary Jenkins wills her ability to get along with all the teachers in Langston to her sister, Helen.
 Joe Pritchett wills to his brother, Clarence, his ability to be courteous to all his teachers and friends.

Levi Pace wills to Edith Loundemon his seat in the Drivers' Ed Car.
Willie Brown wills his ability to do well in math to Douglas Banks.
Jean Stokes passes on to her sister, Barbara, the ability to eat and still maintain a shape.
James Allen chooses to leave to his "Ace," Ferdinand Franklin, his ability to get along with Skip.
John Dixon passes on to his brother, Ernest, the ability to jive girls.
Sylvia Davis wills her seat in sewing class to Jackie Hargraves.
Bennie Hall wishes to bestow his natural ability to play sports to Floyd Wilson.
Andrew Johnson wills his ability to become a senior to Candace Stone.
Louise Young leaves her seat in English to her brother, Nathaniel.
Barbara Bethel bequeaths her ability to finish school to her brother, Nowlin.
James Harris leaves to his brother, Earl, his basketball uniform.
Fredrick Harrington transmits his ability to play golf to Charles Smith.
Tommie Lee leaves his ability to become a senior to Wilbur Hunt.
Bettina Eason wills her typing ability to Betty Jean Holt.

We do hereby constitute and appoint the principal, sole executor of this, our last will and testament.

In witness whereof, we the class of 1956, the testators, have to this will set our hands and seals,
June 1956.

Mary Johnson
Marjorie James

Sylvia Thompson
Arthur Jacobs

CLASS FLOWER

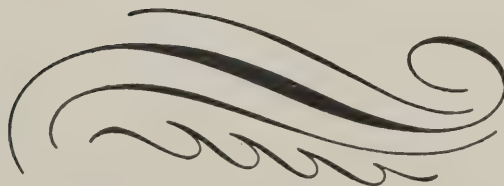
Yellow Rose

CLASS COLORS

Yellow - Green

CLASS MOTTO

"Forget the past; use the present; prepare for the future."





Old Home Week

REUNION AND TALENT SHOW FOR CLASS OF 1956

It is the year of 1966 and a beautiful evening in June. Everywhere in the city of Danville are huge posters reading, "Old Home Week." Many days ago, invitations were sent to all residents urging them to attend and stressing particularly this evening when a wonderful entertainment is to be given. All the talent for this program is strictly home talent. Every performer was at one time a resident of this city and was graduated in the Class of "56" from Langston High School.

The hour for the great event has arrived. Every seat in the vast new auditorium is filled, and all are eagerly awaiting the performance in which many delightful surprises have been promised.

Seated in the audience are many celebrities. There are Mary McDaniel, Nancy Crawley, our kind-hearted friends, who became very wealthy through wise investments and both are now noted pediatricians. I am told that they see Mattie Banks and Velma Ingram, obstetricians, whose offices are in the same building, everyday. Their money is paying for much of the Old Home Week expenditures.

The ladies in the front seats are all so stylishly dressed, and I am told that their beautiful garments came from the very select, not to say expensive, shop of Anita Woody and Dorothy Hughes, who employ Vivian Harris, Barbara Bethel, Lorraine Lynn, and Shirley Swanson as seamstresses, and design gowns for all the best dressed women in the country. Their models, Millerson Dallas and Jean Stokes are here also and look like the glow of fashion and the mold of form.

Seated near here are Andrew Johnson, Tommie Lee, James Hubbard, Clyde Davis, Mary Johnson, Preston Echols, and Alexander Hargraves, business administrators, who own so much property they have to keep a card index of it in order to know themselves. Behind them, watching with interest, I see James Allen, dignified and haughty, who is Dean of a very fashionable girls' school in Pennsylvania.

Standing in the door, looking for old friends, I find Deloris Betts, Defense Attorney in Washington and very active politically. A group of people entering, receive a warm reception from the committee at the door. They are Dr. Virginia Cunningham, a famous surgeon in a large hospital, and attractive as ever, Mary Jenkins, superintendent of nurses in the same hospital. If there are any accidents tonight we feel sure the sufferers will be attended with Marjorie James, Bertha Dawson, Ruth Wilson, Ella Oliver and Mary Mimms on the job.

A round of applause greets the man just taking a seat by the window. Can you guess who he is? Why Edward Lee, our weather man. It was he who predicted the splendid weather for "Old Home Week."

A man is sketching people as they come in and doing very well. It's Lloyd Law, now a famous illustrator of magazine stories.

Lawyer Clyde Benson just walked in with his string of stenographers, Mamie Anderson, Marsha Hunt, Ollie Brandon, Mattie Stamps, Deloris Smith, Helen Tanner, Barbara Lewis and Ann Brewton.

Mr. Benson is now a representative to the United Nations. By the way, guess who is making blueprints for the new UN building, why of course Frances Wilson and Thomas Jeffries. Etha Vincent will do the interior decorations.

Seated with the crowd on the left is Sylvia Thompson, our elementary teacher.

The entertainment is to begin. There is a hushed expectancy. The lights fade, and the footlights flash on.

We now see our famous class debater, Jacqueline Brown, who is the head of the Juvenile Delinquency Department in Chicago. She acts as Mistress of Ceremonies, and after her excellent speech introduces the performers.

The M.C. announces that after the entertainment, refreshments will be served through the courtesy of Miss Jettie Henderson, who is the proprietor of the delightful Old Home Tea Room.

The entertainment properly begins with gay music. Then on the darkened stage in the spotlight appear two figures. My goodness, they are Mary Alice Smith, who is now with the Katherine Durham dance troop, and John Leftridge, who is dancing at the Mocambo Club, here to execute a most tricky dance called "Slaughter on 5th Avenue." They give a wonderful performance.

Next comes a big surprise, Miss Glorianna De Nise, the famous concert singer; and it is none other than our old friend Odaris Tanner. She gives us a solo and an imitation with an accent.

We now have the famous saxophone player who plays the most wonderful music for us. Yes, of course, it is Charlie Nelson, and he plays even better than we always said he would.

Then, last of all, looking stunning in an elaborate evening gown, comes Sue Hughes. She is now a writer of plays and has two successful ones running on Broadway now. She gives us a short dramatic monologue. A huge round of applause acknowledge the well presented program.

We now have several telegrams of regret from absentees explaining their occupation and reason for absence.

From New York:

Electrical Engineers. Working for General Electric Co. Unable to come working on important job.

Signed: Elijah Jeffress

Willie Wilson

Hum, perhaps that is why our lighting here tonight is so elaborate.

From England:

Mechanical Engineers, building Jaguar cars. Finest built. Demand greater than output. Working overtime.

Signed: Eugene Harris

Arthur Jacobs

Joe Pritchett

From Richmond:

Attending Virginia Banker's Association Annual Convention. My secretary, James Harris is here also. Sorry unable to attend.

Signed: John Brown

To be a banker; just notice how careful he was to use words no more than ten. He employs Levi Pace and Barbara Davis as accountants.

From Chicago:

Leading Dramatic Soprano for Metropolitan and Chicago Companies. Singing "Alleluiah" tonight.

Signed: Gloria Johnson

I hear Doreatha Pounds and Louise Young are her private beauticians.

From Europe:

Touring Europe. Coaching famous Globetrotters for a living.

Signed: Edward Thompson

John Dixon

From Hollywood:

Am instructor in plain and fancy golf; making lots of money. Five dollars a lesson

Signed: Freddie Harrington

He was always industrious and hasn't changed a bit.

From New York:

Am private secretary to the head of a huge corporation. He was born crazy and had a relapse. Won't give me time off to come to Old Home Week. I shall write all his letters backwards for a week.

Signed: Maria Watson

That poor man. What she'll do to his correspondence. You remember she never did let anyone impose on her.

From Honolulu:

Just joined the Navy to see the world through a porthole. Shall think of you all in every port.

Signed: Tommy Saunders

When he gets seasick, he won't dare think of suicide, he'd never get out of a porthole.

From Korea:

Am jet ace. Just shot down my eighth MIG. My co-pilot, Earnest Bass was hurt while alighting from the plane. He's in the hospital, being cared for by Nurse Odaris Robinson. Others in my company are William Holloway and Howard Garrett.

Signed: Bennie Hall

From Texas: Flywell Air Force Base

In camp hospital. Hurt during explosion in Chemical lab.

Signed: Barbara Coleman
Doris Price

From Richmond:

Am laying bricks for new State Capital. Unable to attend. Lack of funds.

Signed: Anthony Moss

From New York:

Are barbers on the Broadway limited and doing it solely to meet famous people. Jackie Robinson, Harry Belafonte, Rocky Marciano, and the president of the United States are waiting to be attended.

Signed: Billy Smith
Willie Brown

They always liked good society.

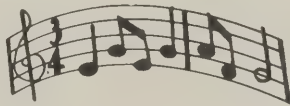
From Paris:

Am President for UPO-United Painters Organization. Now in business painting the Eiffel Tower.

Signed: James Pinchback

That concluded the reading of telegrams. Now our class members that are present rise and sing our "Class Song" in the tune of "Auld Lang Syne" and adjourn for the promised refreshments at the Old Tea Room.

It has been a real delight to see all of our old friends as young and prosperous, and so generous of their money and talent. In short, it has been an "Old Home Week" to be proud of and the Old Home Folk should be happy to have such celebrities as these for their very own.



Class Song

Tune: AULD LANG SYNE

Come classmates let our voices join,
A farewell song to sing,
For moments passing swiftly by,
Our parting soon will bring.

In all our search for knowledge here
You've always served us well,
And we, the class now going forth,
Your praises now will tell.

Our school has been the happy scene
Of many childhood joys.
And to you we shall give the love
Of loyal girls and boys.

Chorus: We give to you a faithful pledge
That ever true will be
We'll ne'er forget fond memories
So dear to you and me.





CLASSES



Junior Class

President - - - - - CLAUDE STEPHENS
 Vice President - - - - - KATHRYN WILSON
 Secretary - - - - - TOMASEANA JONES
 Assistant Secretary - - - - - SHIRLY LEA
 Treasurer and Business Manager - - - - - JAMES GUNN

Sponsors

R. LANGHORNE
 E. LOGAN
 E. IVY
 W. MOTLEY

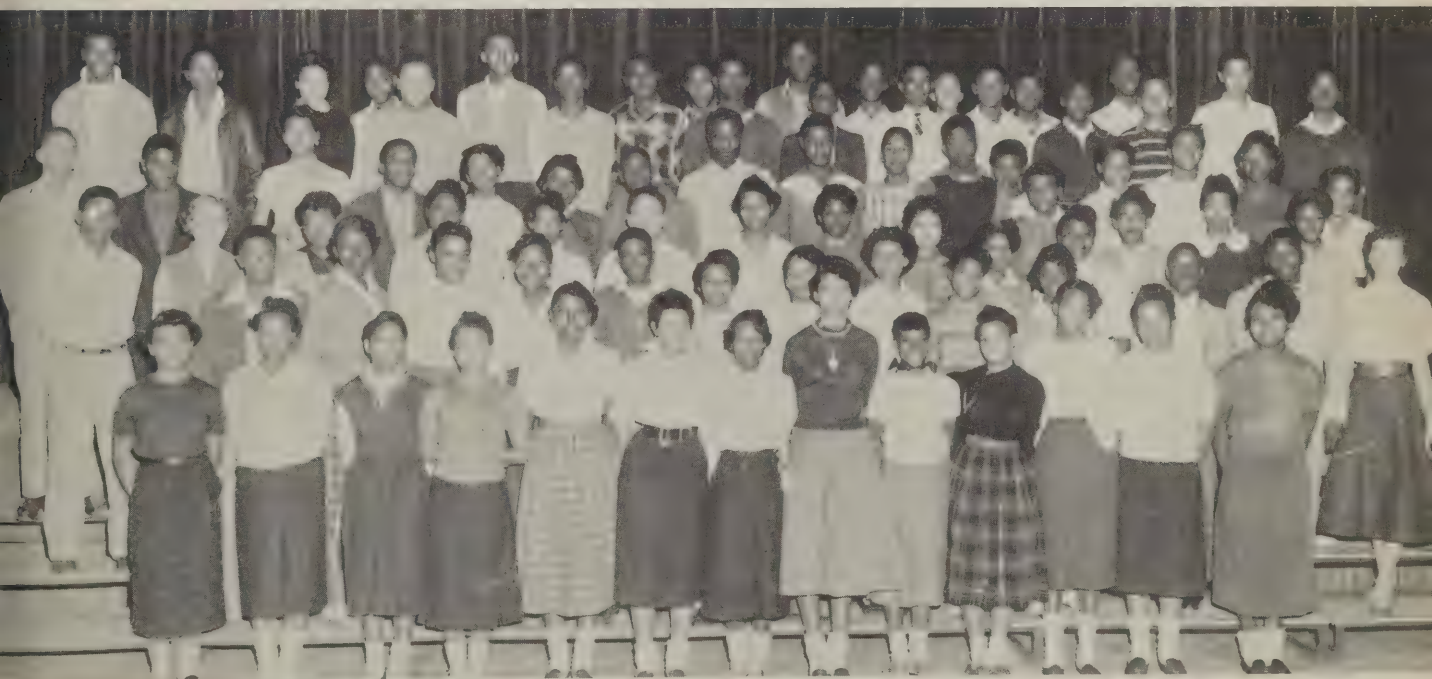


Sophomore Class

President - - - - - Henry Meyers
 Vice President - - - - - Arnslow Hairston
 Secretary - - - - - Mable Hairston
 Assistant Secretary - - - - - Cenelle Motley
 Treasurer - - - - - Marie Giles

Sponsors

L. Davis
 J. Moffitt
 C. Morton
 C. Chaney
 T. Manly



Freshman Class

President - - - - - Delores Hargraves
 Vice President - - - - - Mary Wilson
 Secretary - - - - - Gamaliel Wilson

Sponsors

H. Allen
 I. Jones
 F. Gunn
 G. King
 L. White



Eighth Grade 1

Sponsor - MISS MILDRED ALLEN



Eighth Grade 2

Sponsor - MISS VIRGINIA E. McDANIEL



Eighth Grade 3

Sponsor - MISS L. THORTON



Eighth Grade 4

Sponsor - MR. N. K. WRIGHT

SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS

MR. W. HARRIS - Teacher



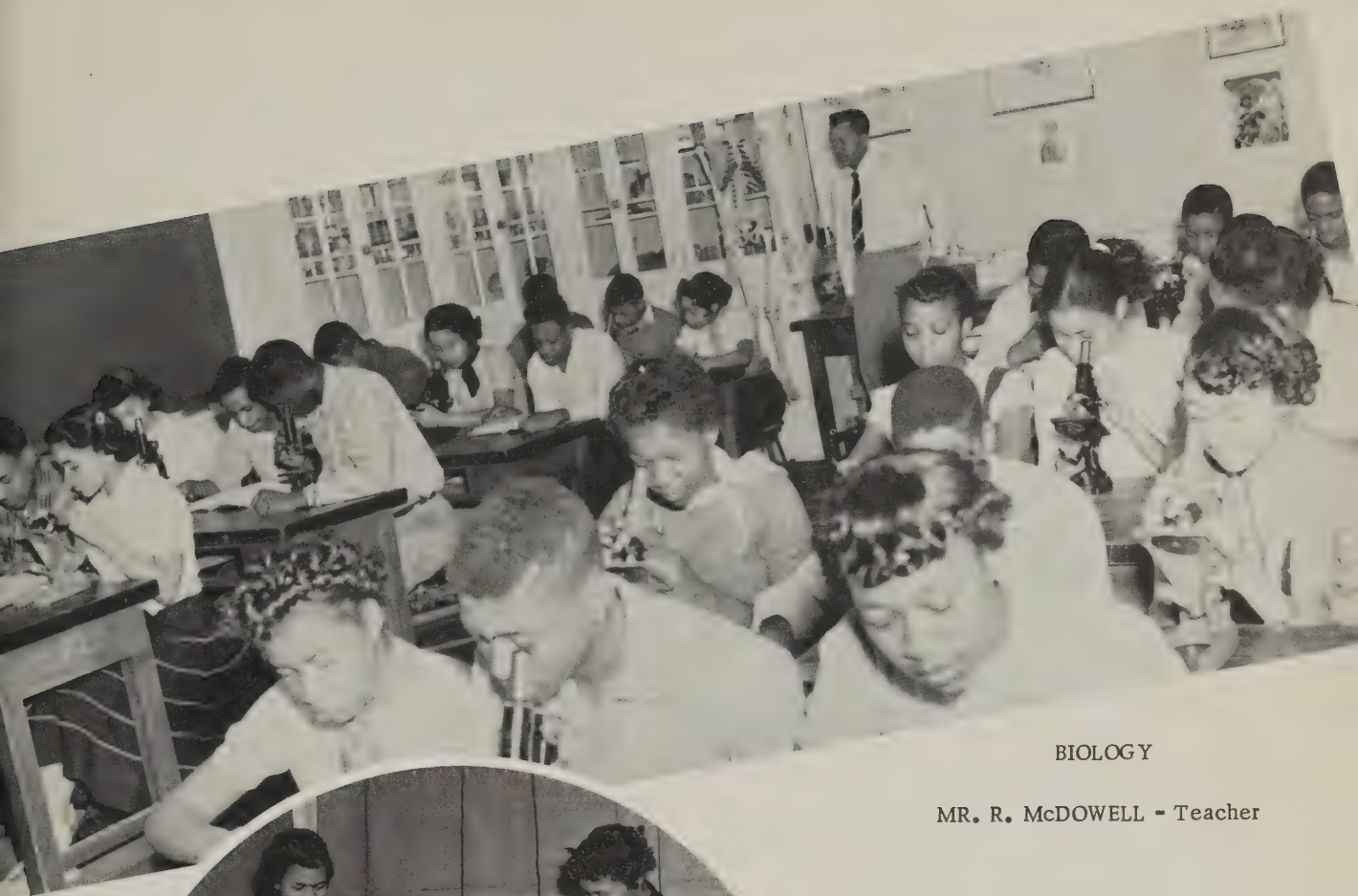
FRENCH CLASS

MISS CEOLA MORTON
Teacher

HISTORY 7 - GOVERNMENT

MR. N. K. WRIGHT - Teacher





BIOLOGY

MR. R. McDOWELL - Teacher



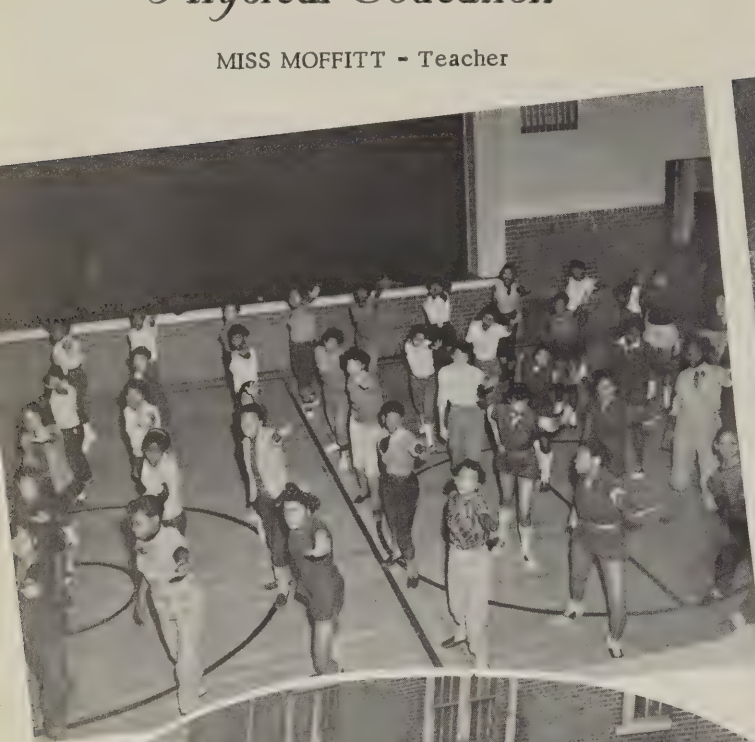
HOME ECONOMICS - FOODS
MRS. C. CHANEY - Teacher

HOME ECONOMICS - SEWING
MISS R. LANGHORNE - Teacher



Physical Education

MISS MOFFITT - Teacher

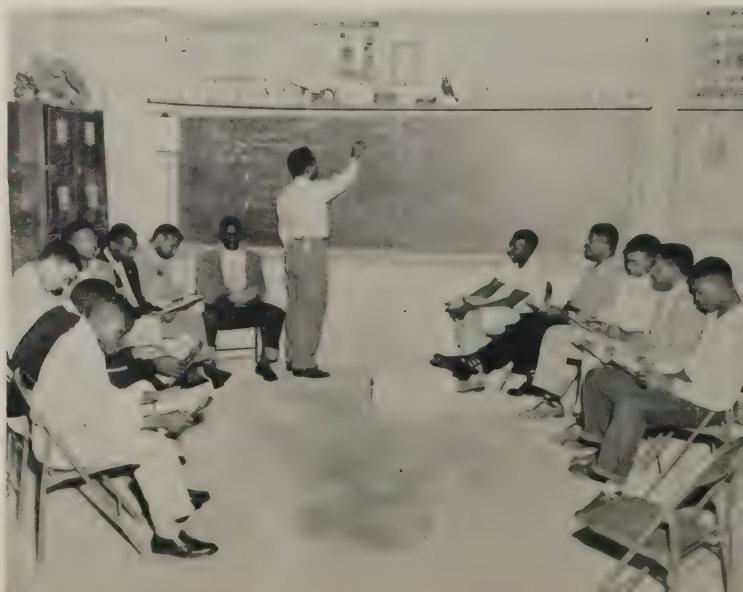


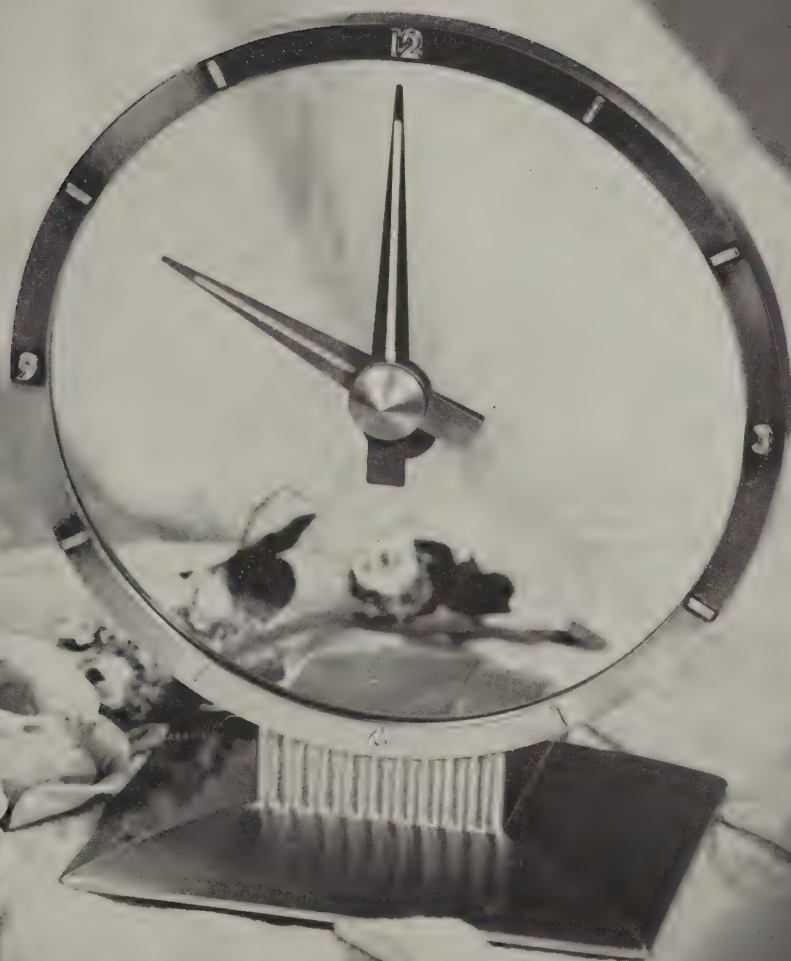
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
MR. H. ALLEN - Teacher



DRIVER'S EDUCATION
MR. T. MANLY - Instructor

BRICKLAYING CLASS IN ESTIMATION
MR. W. HARRIS - Teacher





FAVORITES



Most Beautiful Girl

MAMIE ANDERSON

LIFE
Nancy L. Crawley

Life is that period between birth and death;
Within that time one seeks his wealth.
Who knows in what field his goal will be made,
Or the manner of work for which he'll be paid?
For many there have been burdens and tears,
But happiness will follow through the years.

In some phases of life we try to succeed,
Hoping to accomplish many good deeds -
Working hard ere we go,
Even if success may be very slow.
One keeps striving until his goal is set;
Then he is happy for doing his best.

When ever there is an unhappy day,
Keeping faith will drive the clouds away.
Life holds much we are told -
Work on and on seeking that goal.

Life can be joy,
Life can be sorrow.
In life there is much for tomorrow.
Take all good pleasures, and with them take heed.
Never turn back; always take the lead.



MY FAVORITE TEACHER
Nancy L. Crawley

No matter where I might go,
Or what I might ever do -
After leaving John M. Langston High
I shall always think of you.

You've been so very thoughtful
and understanding too.
It will always be a pleasure
to know persons just like you.

For each there is a favorite,
For mine I've chosen you.
Even when time passes on
I'm sure it will endure.

To me the smallest things in life -
Can mean so very much,
I wish for you the very best
And all the world of luck.

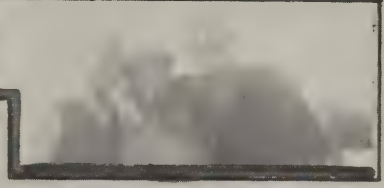
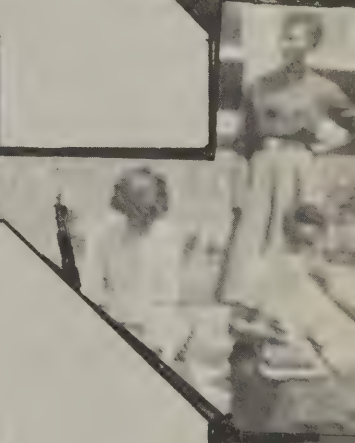
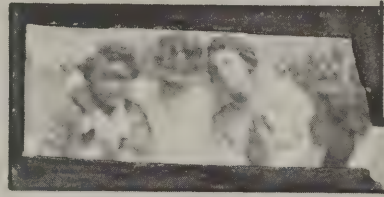
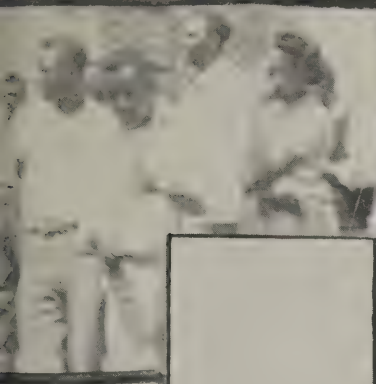
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But to me its very wonderful
to know a teacher so grand.



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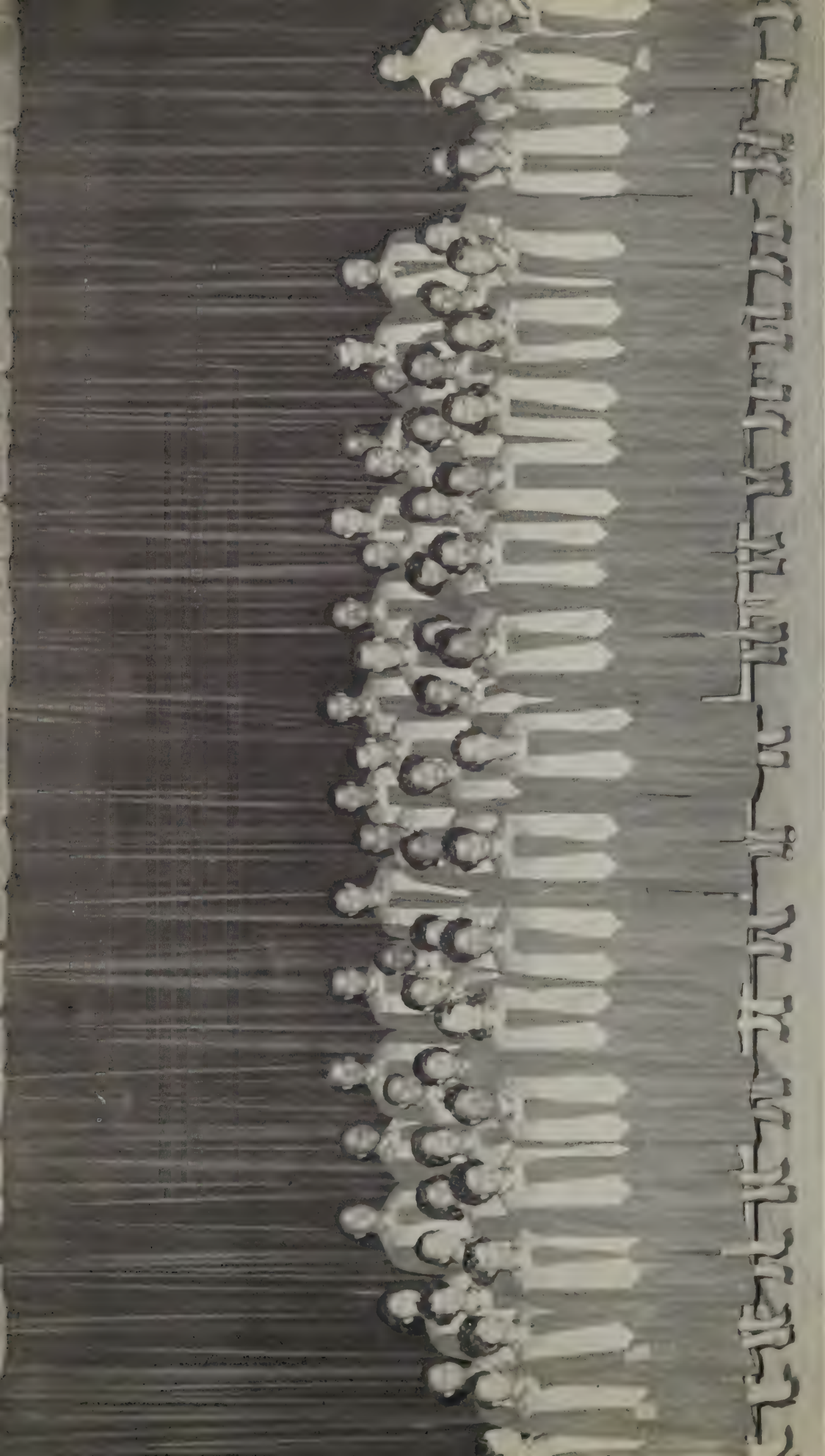


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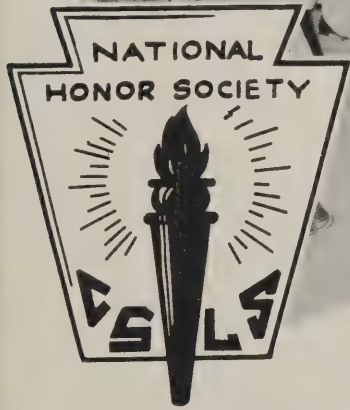


The Langston Choir

Our school choir under the direction of Miss Franklyn O. Gunn, accompanied by Patricia Vann, is one of the finest in the state. During the school year this organization makes numerous appearances at special programs for churches, civic and social organizations and schools. Concerts are presented annually at Christmas and in the spring.

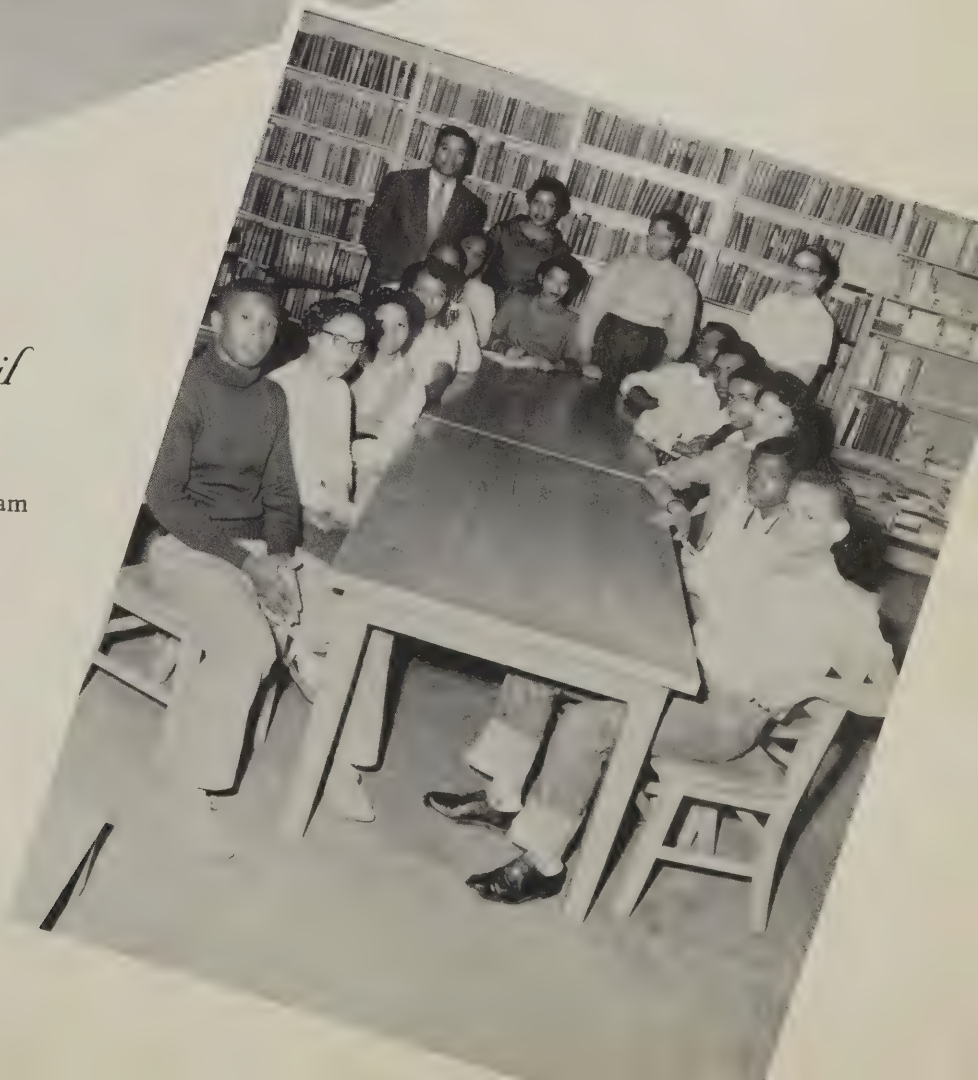
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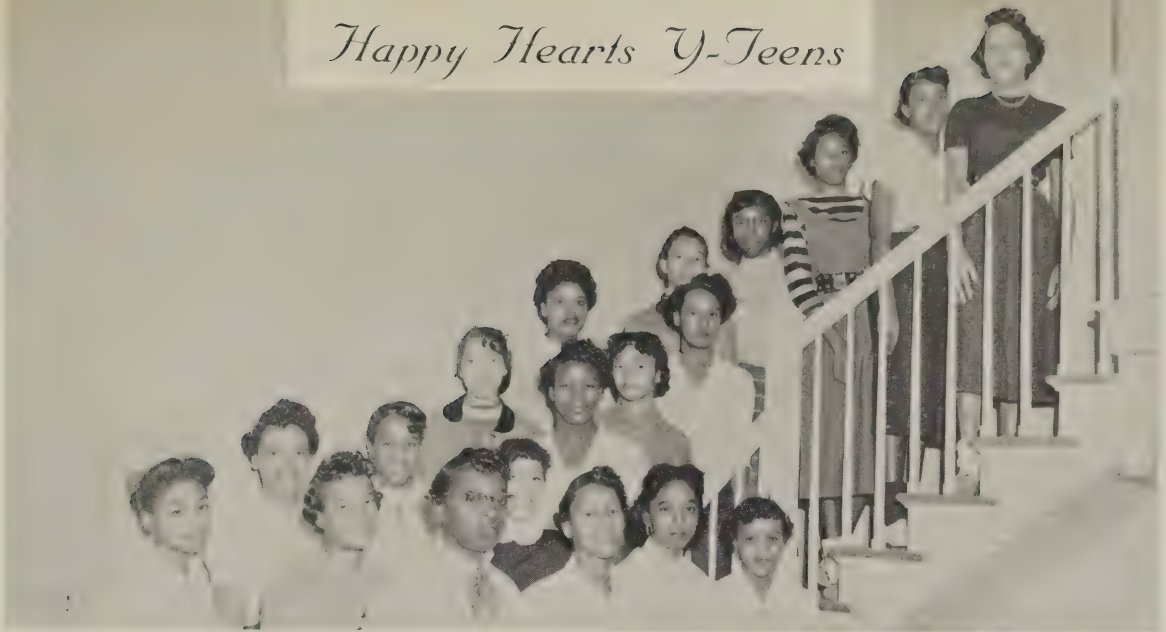
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Its function is to promote safety practices and direct all school traffic. The Patrols are available at all school functions to perform needed duties.



Panel Discussion "Youth Wants to Know"

Senior Class Assembly Program



The Modern Scholars' Club

Organized December, 1945, is the oldest continuous organization in Langston. The Club is best known for giving an annual one-hundred scholarship, producing fine talent shows, training its members in leadership and citizenship, and developing well-rounded individuals socially and otherwise.



Library Club

Our Library Club is organized under the sponsorship of Mrs. E. M. Logan and Miss L. Thorton, and its purpose is three-fold: to sponsor a greater interest among the students in the use of books and library service; to stimulate reading interest; to improve the library service of the school.



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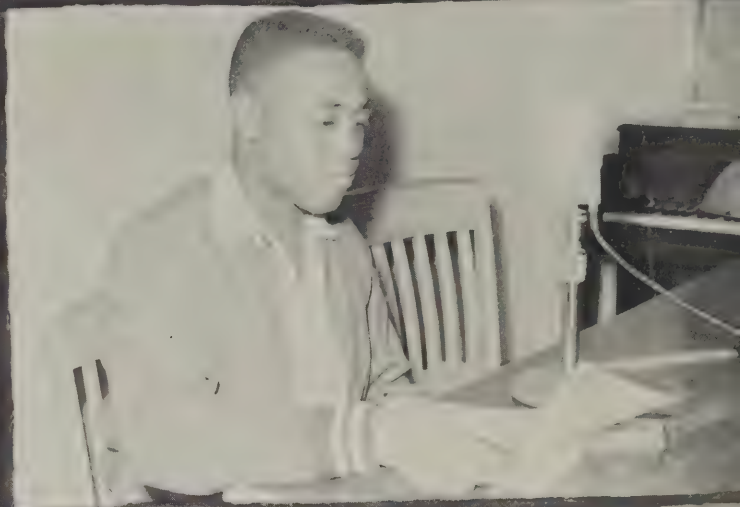
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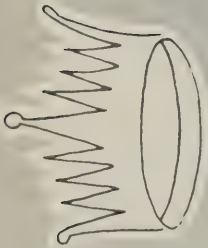


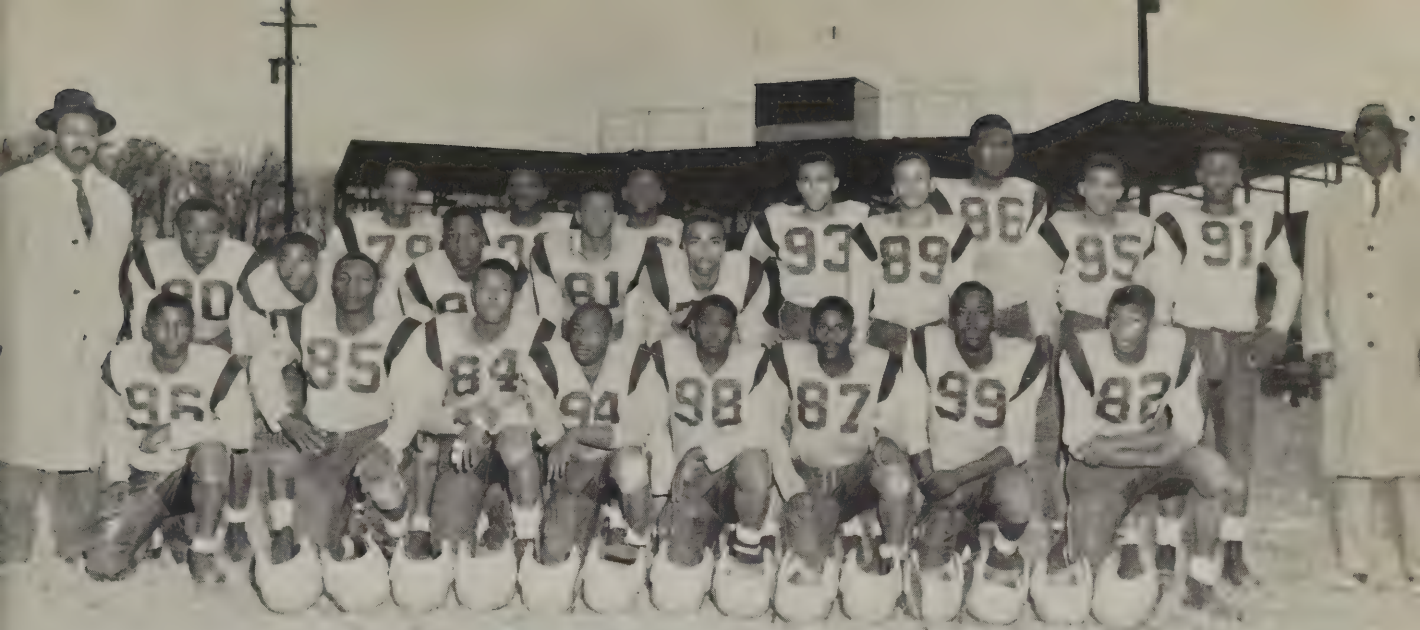
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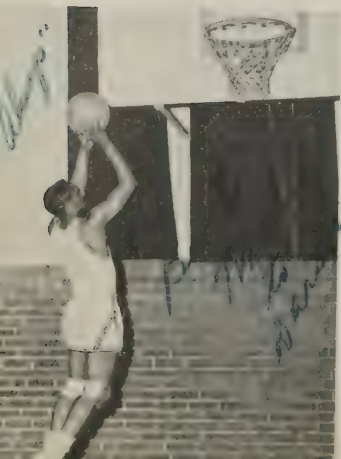
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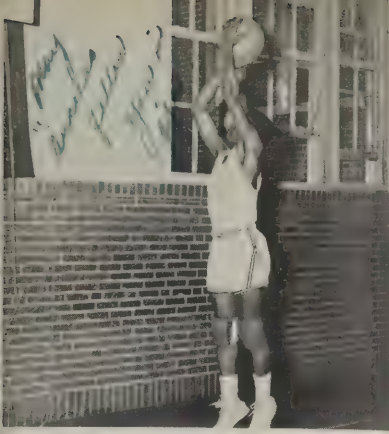


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J. HARRIS
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L. PACE
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Basketball Summary

CONFERENCE GAMES

Won 9 - Lost 1

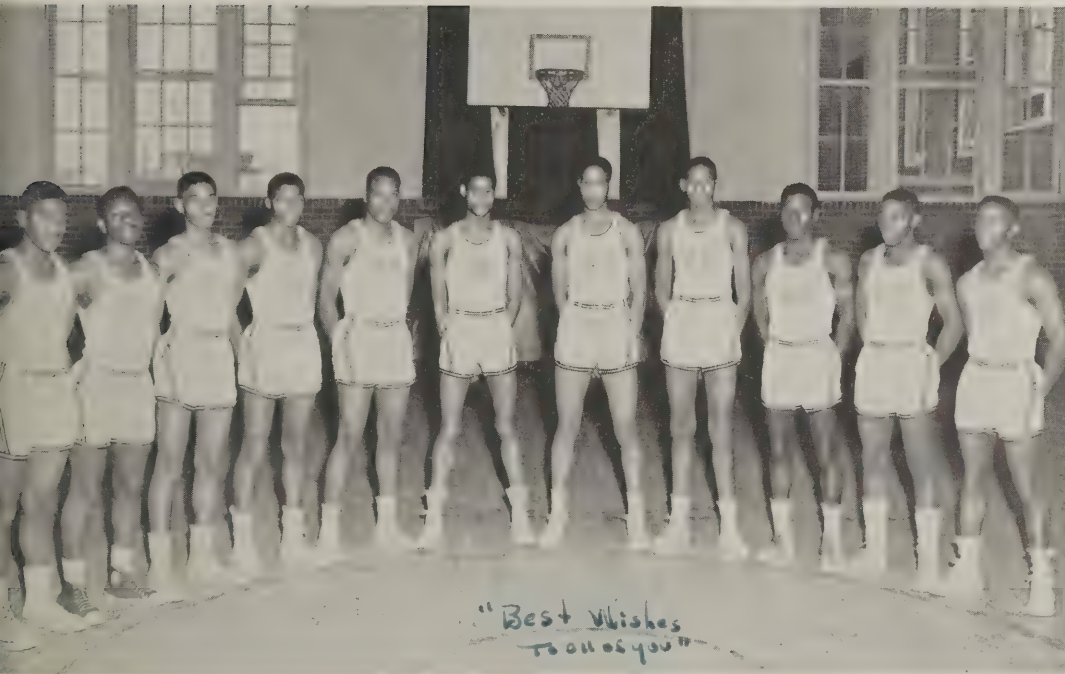
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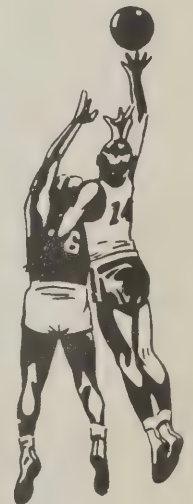


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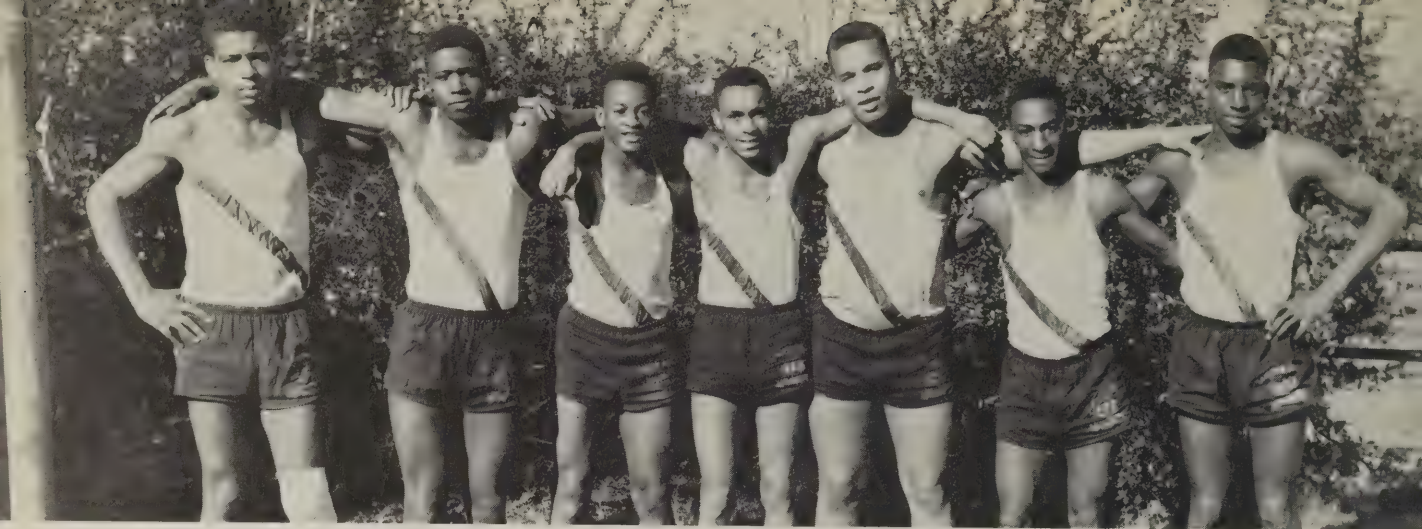


W. VINCENT
Senior



T. THOMPSON
Senior





Track Team 1955

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